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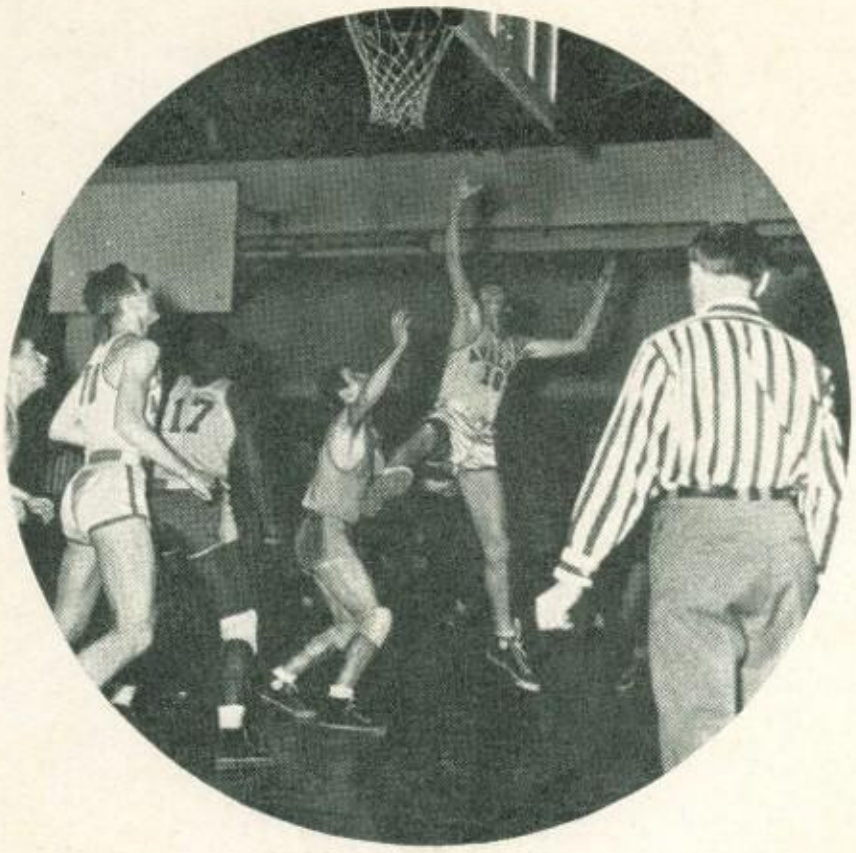
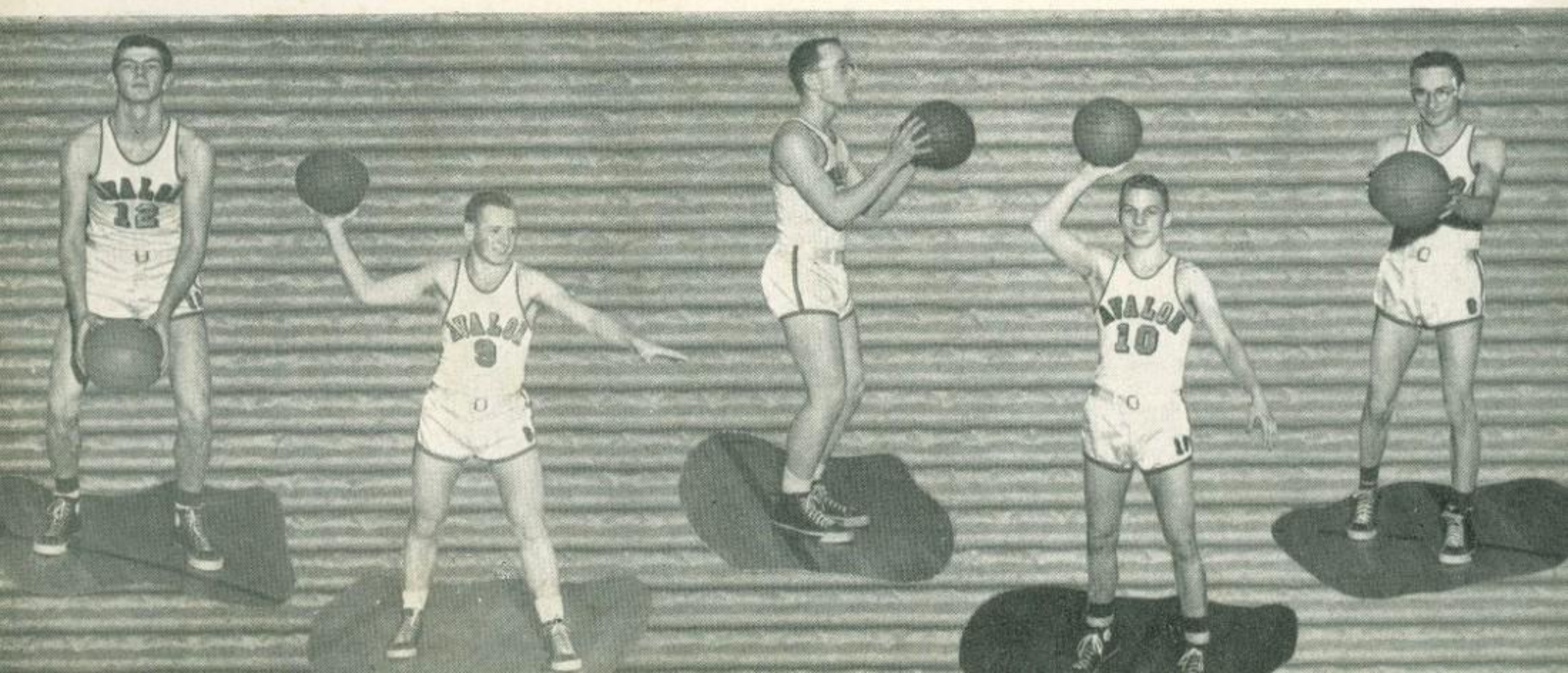


Chalk up two for "Ichabod."

Tobin Frenz Toward Sipe Thomson



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Avalon	75	N. Braddock	45	*Avalon	86	Moon	28
Avalon	58	Mt. Lebanon	40	*Avalon	82	Avonworth	57
Avalon	48	Bethel	47	*Avalon	71	Sewickley	24
Avalon	70	Baldwin	39	*Avalon	91	Neville	49
Avalon	52	Bethel	50	*Avalon	68	Bellevue	54
Avalon	71	N. Brighton	63	**Avalon	75	Chartiers	41
Avalon	65	Verona	58	**Avalon	60	Wampum	60
Avalon	90	E. McKeesport	50	**Avalon	54	Arnold	36
*Avalon	70	Leetsdale	36	†Avalon	64	Gallitzin	26
*Avalon	102	Robinson Twp	39	†Avalon	65	Shade Twp	29
*Avalon	73	Moon	32	†Avalon	69	Slippery Rock	30
*Avalon	70	Avonworth	62	††Avalon	64	Kutztown	62
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*Avalon	70	Robinson	39				

*League games
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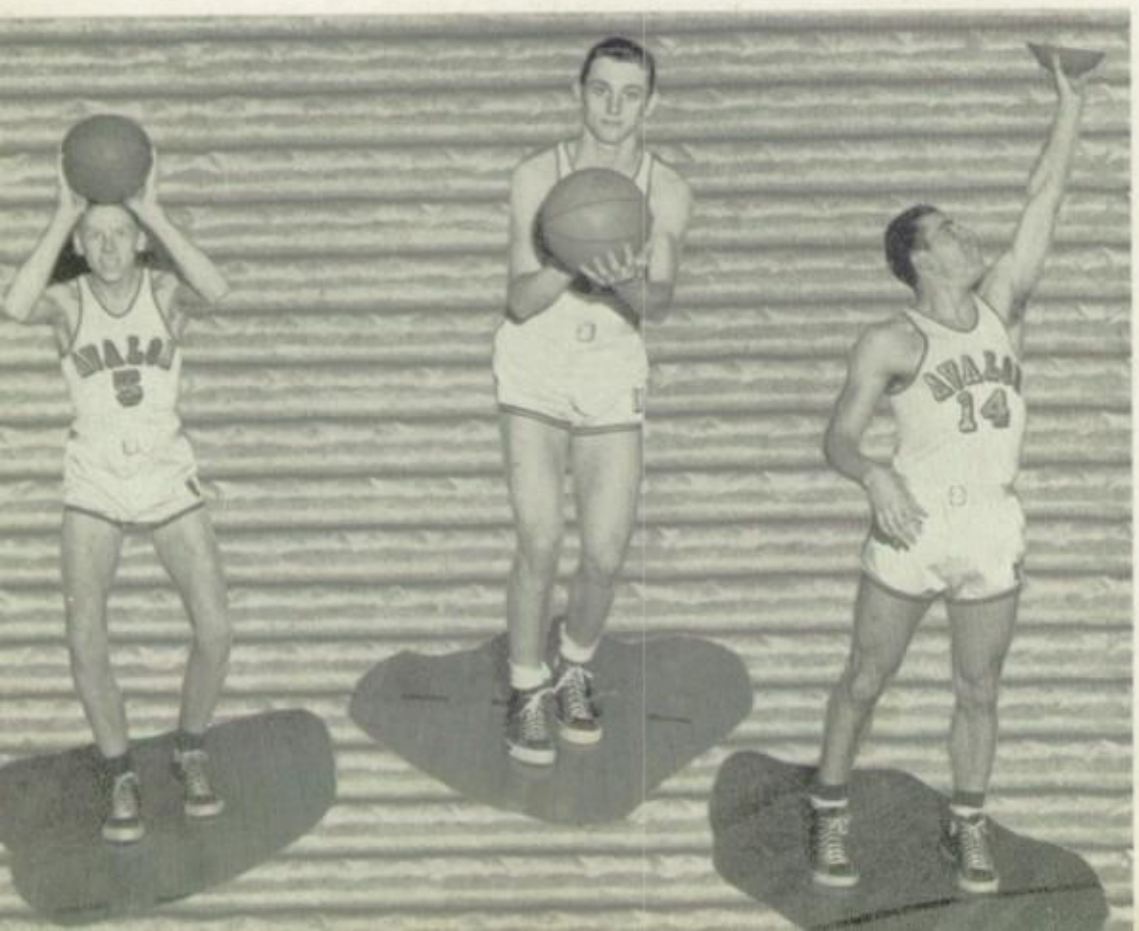

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Coach

Hi Neighbor!

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Hi Neighbor . . . Hi Neighbor . . . What

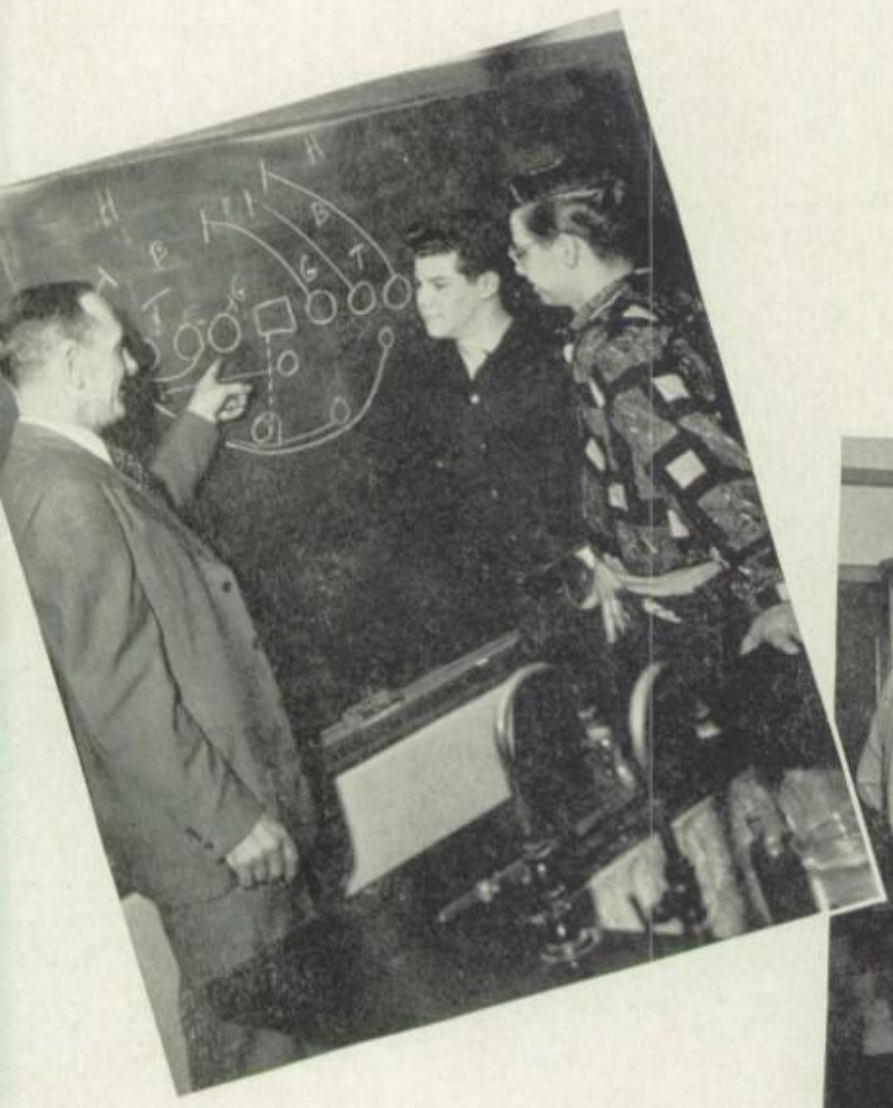
With the welcome mat spread before you, we, the class of 1952, invite you to scan the pages of our annual. The welcome extended you is typical of the friendship which has been expressed by us and to us throughout our years at Avalon. Most yearbooks struggle hard to find a theme upon which to base their books. We have had no trouble, for our book has merely expressed an idea which we consider to be exemplified by our school and town. With this in mind we say "Hi, Neighbor" and bid you to travel hand-in-hand with us through the pages of the 1952 Avalon ANNUAL.

Do You Know . . . What Do You Say?

Mr. David L. Parker

we dedicate this book . . .

Because of his loyally to our class and the glory he has brought to our school, the Class of 1952 proudly dedicates this annual to Coach "Lavy" Parker. The qualities for which Mr. Parker will be remembered are not only his contributions to Avalon's sports record but also his excellent teaching ability and high moral standards. It is only fitting that we should dedicate this book to Mr. Parker, who has always been a good neighbor to everyone.



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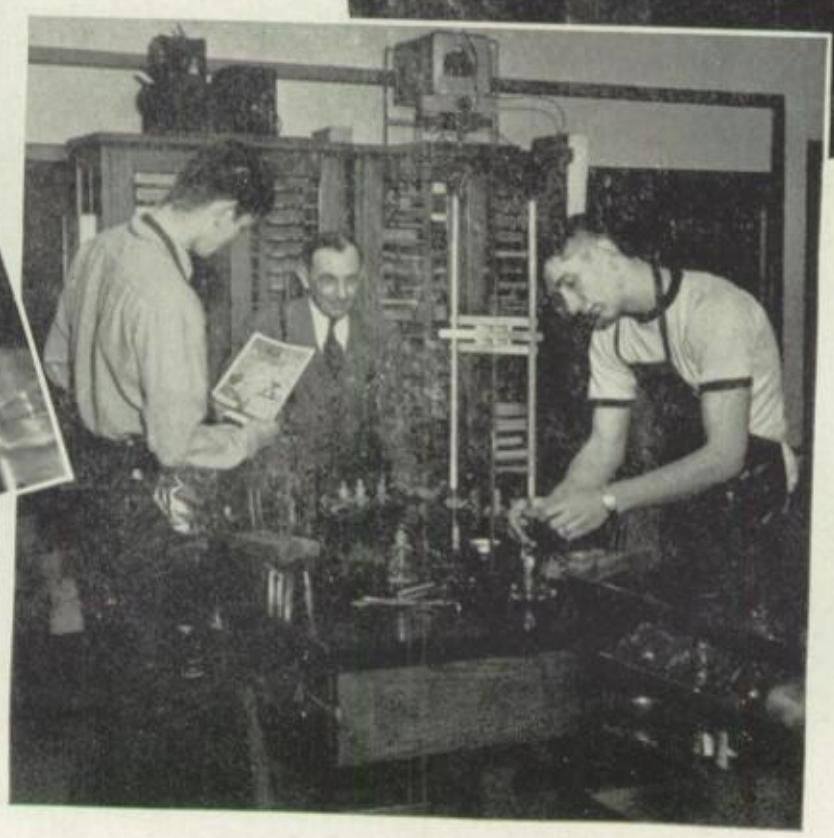

Don Tobin, Mr. Parker, R. Mesloh.

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DR. C. W. WEPSIC
Superintendent

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ADMINISTRATION

This year our administrative affairs have settled down into the routine of Avalon High School after having become accustomed to its traditions in their initiative year.

Belonging to these organizations: Phi Delta Kappa, the American Association of School Administrators, the Doctorial Association of Education and the Pennsylvania Association of School Directors and Superintendents, Dr. Wepsic has a more than ample reason for his superior leadership. He aids the P. T. A. and is a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Avalon.

Before being elected by the Board of Education as Superintendent of Avalon High Schools, Dr. Wepsic taught at the University of Pittsburgh for the seasons and at Shade Township Schools and New Kensington High School.

During football and basketball season, the principles of good sportmanship were emphasized to the students in the form of short talks in assembly. Certainly such demonstrations of leadership must have had a good effect upon the students at large.

Mr. John R. Edwards, Jr., dealt directly with the high school students, being present at all assemblies, where he usually presented the program and announcements. Like Dr. Wepsic, Mr. Edwards supplemented his position by being a member of the Independent Principal's Association of Pittsburgh, the National Association of Secondary School Principals, and the National Vocational Guidance Association. He has qualified as a guidance director and school psychologist in Ohio and is certified to teach in both Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Mr. Edward's guidance program was of great value to the seniors in helping them to select a vocation and also to the other grades of junior and senior high in helping them adjust themselves to school life. This program was initiated in Avalon the first year Mr. Edwards was principal of Avalon High School.

Mr. Edwards has interviewed the seniors concerning post-graduation plans. Arrangements were made with several colleges to send their representatives to Avalon, to give the students a better view of the college of their choice.

Both Dr. Wepsic and Mr. Edwards came from the same town, Brookfield, Ohio, before their appearance at Avalon. For some years Mr. Edwards taught under Dr. Wepsic. Dr. Wepsic and Mr. Edwards collaborated in producing a handbook this year for the purpose of reference for the students.

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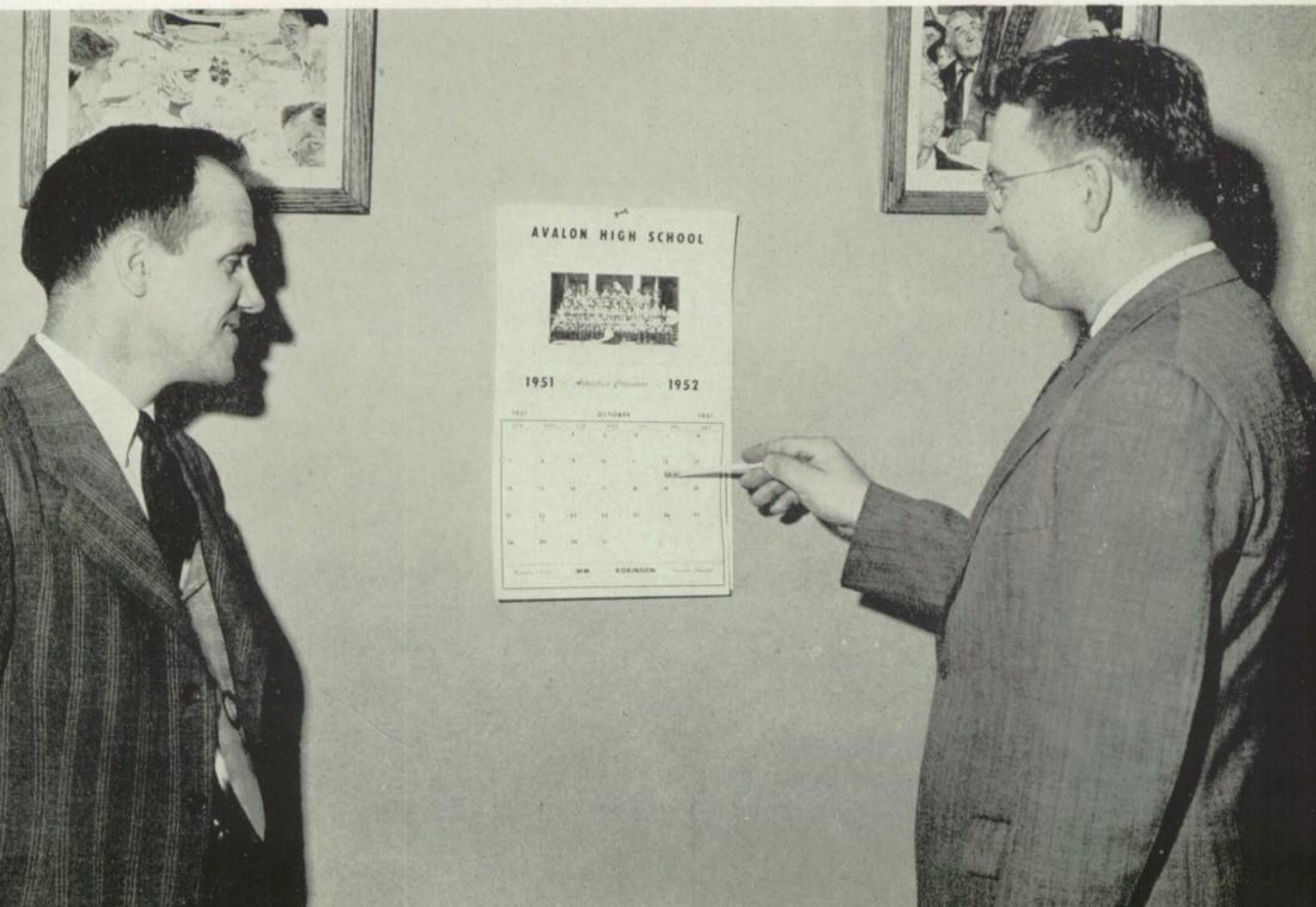
Mr. John R. Edwards, Jr.
Principal

Mr. Edwards, Dr. Wepsic.



board of education

HENRY L. BETCHER
President

ANDREW A. THOMPSON
Vice President

W. J. ROBINSON
Treasurer

Henry L. Betcher, president; A. A. Thompson, vice-president; John W. Robinson treasurer; Robert L. Stevenson, Robert Haley, Ralph Parker, Charles D. Gray: this was the way roll was called at the Avalon Board of Education meetings. Dr. Wepsic was also present at most of the board meetings in order to present his suggestions to the board.

A new plan, called the five-year plan, has been installed into the school policy this year. In a five-year period, language, mathematics, history, science, and miscellaneous text books are examined and repaired or new ones are obtained. This plan enables the students in both grade school and high school to always be well-informed on the most recent developments in all five fields.

Improvements in the physical aspects of the school are also taken care of under the five-year plan. For example, the gymnasium has been refinished, fluorescent lights have been installed on the second floor, and new desks are now being used in some grade school rooms.

Another addition to the school's policy was the innovation of a school calendar. This calendar listed all school activities for the school year and was a great help in planning other events which took place in the borough. Again this year, as in years past, the board planned the annual school picnic held with Bellevue at West View Park. All these factors have combined to make this past season at Avalon one of the most successful in the school's history.

C. D. GRAY

R. L. STEVENSON

R. W. HALEY

R. T. PARKER

E. Karhut, Mr. Gardner

Irene H. Austen
A. B., U. of Pittsburgh
Geography, Social Studies

Stella L. Carden
A. B., U. of Richmond
English

Harry A. Dennison
A. B., Allegheny College
M. Ed., Penn State
Physical Education, Hygiene

faculty

The "Hi-Neighbor" policy is best illustrated by the group of fine men and women on the faculty of Avalon High School. They have been more to the students then instructors. They have become the friends, counselors, and advisers of all the students and have given of their time and talent to equip them not only with the essential skills for their futures, but with the necessary information which will help them to solve their problems after they have left school.

Miss Irene Austen's geography classes were never dull or uninteresting as she took her students on imaginery trips to distant countries. She also taught civics and sponsored the junior high student council, a job that was new to her this year.

Miss Stella Carden, senior high English teacher, was beloved by all with whom she associated. No one in her classes will ever forget her rendition of famous poetry or of Shakespeare's *"Hamlet"*.

Mr. Harry Dennison and a winning basketball team were synonymous to Avalon fans. Besides his fine record as A. H. S. basketball coach, he chalked up equally successful accomplishments in gym and hygiene classes.

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Edgar K. Gardner
B. S.
Indiana State Teachers College
Commercial

Janet D. Gollmar
B. S., Grove City College
M. Ed., University of Pittsburgh
Social Studies, Public Speaking

Dudley W. G. Gordon
A. B., U. of Pittsburgh
History, Social Studies

Margaret L. Hummel
Slippery Rock State
Teachers College
B. S., U. of Pittsburgh
Physical Education, Social Studies

faculty

Marion T. Jones
B.S., Carnegie Tech
M.A., Carnegie Tech
Home Economics

Mary Emma Keiser
B.B.A., Westminster College
M. Ed., University of Pittsburgh
Commercial

C. Harvey, Mr. Gordon, C. Craig.

WM. E. KOFMEHL
A. B., Thiel College
M. Ed., U. of Pittsburgh
California State Teachers College—Industrial Arts

FRED B. McCORMICK
B. S., Geneva College, Temple U.
Biology

PATRICIA ANN MEILY
B. A., Penn State
U. of New Mexico
Art

Commercial students will always be grateful for the valuable assistance in business math, bookkeeping, sales, typing, and consumer's education offered by Mr. Edgar K. Gardner. Sponsorship of A-Ticket was a job that he performed with ease and skill.

Mrs. Janet Gollmar was Avalon's popular public speaking and junior high history teacher. Student council was under her leadership and she was director of the senior play, *"Father of the Bride."*

A busy schedule including American history, sociology, and American government never seemed to faze Mr. Dudley Gordon. In addition to working endlessly on the *Annual*, he found time to gain the friendship of all his students.

Teaching girls' gym and hygiene classes was Miss Margaret L. Hummel's job. Besides sponsoring the Girl's Athletic Association and cheerleaders, she set up an active intra-mural sports program for all girls interested in after school sports.

WALLACE F. MORRELL
B. S., U. of Pittsburgh
M. Ed., U. of Pittsburgh
Mathematics

JOHN W. O'ROURKE
B. S. in Ed., Duquesne University
Languages

DAVID L. PARKER
B. S., Allegheny College
M. E., U. of Pittsburgh
Sciences

faculty

Ida M. Price
B. S., U. of Pittsburgh
Litt. M., U. of Pittsburgh
English

Howard E. Ryser.
B. A. of M. E., Carnegie Tech
Music

Dorothy W. Walk
A. B., Seton Hill
English, Latin, Civics

Janice M. Weigel
B. S., Clarion State Teachers College
Library, Science, Social Studies

Joseph J. Wertacnik
B. S., Dickinson College
Mathematics

Margaret E. Miller
Office Secretary

Dr. R. H. McCormick
M. D., U. of Pittsburgh
School Doctor

Mary T. Davis
R. N., Presbyterian Hosp.
Nurse

Miss Marion T. Jones thoroughly covered sewing, cooking, and all other phases of home economics. She also sponsored the Future Homemakers of America for girls seeking further guidance in this field.

The fundamentals in typing and shorthand were taught to future stenographers and secretaries by Mrs. Mary Emma Keiser. Pen and Key was her "extra-curricular" activity which she worked at with vigor.

Mr. William E. Kofmehl, manual training teacher, taught the boys taking shop how to make many interesting and useful projects. He was also in charge of the stage crew and the ambitious junior high Hobby Club.

General science and biology, as taught by Mr. Fred B. McCormick, were no great problems to his students. He showed the boys interested in visual education equipment how to operate the projector.

Although new at Avalon, Miss Patricia Meily did not fail to win the admiration of her students. In addition to teaching junior high art and interesting new art courses for senior high students, she worked diligently sponsoring the Dramatic Club and junior high cheerleaders.

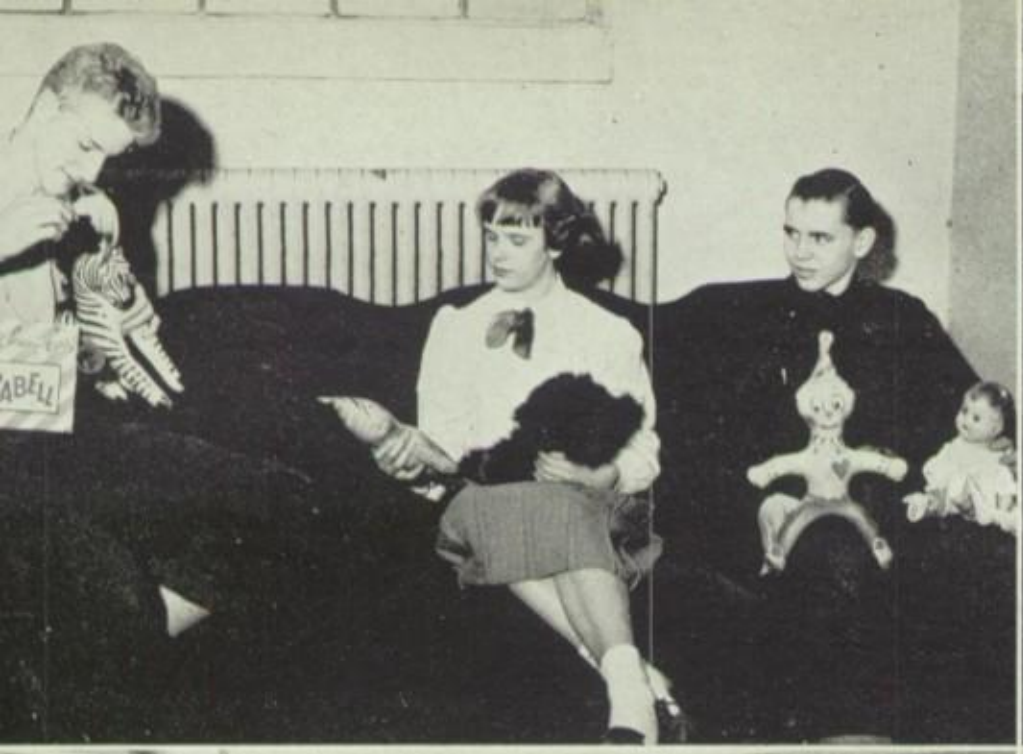
Mr. Wallace Morrell, academic math teacher, was one of the new faculty members this year. He patiently helped many students over the rough spots in plane geometry, solid geometry, trigonometry, and algebra.

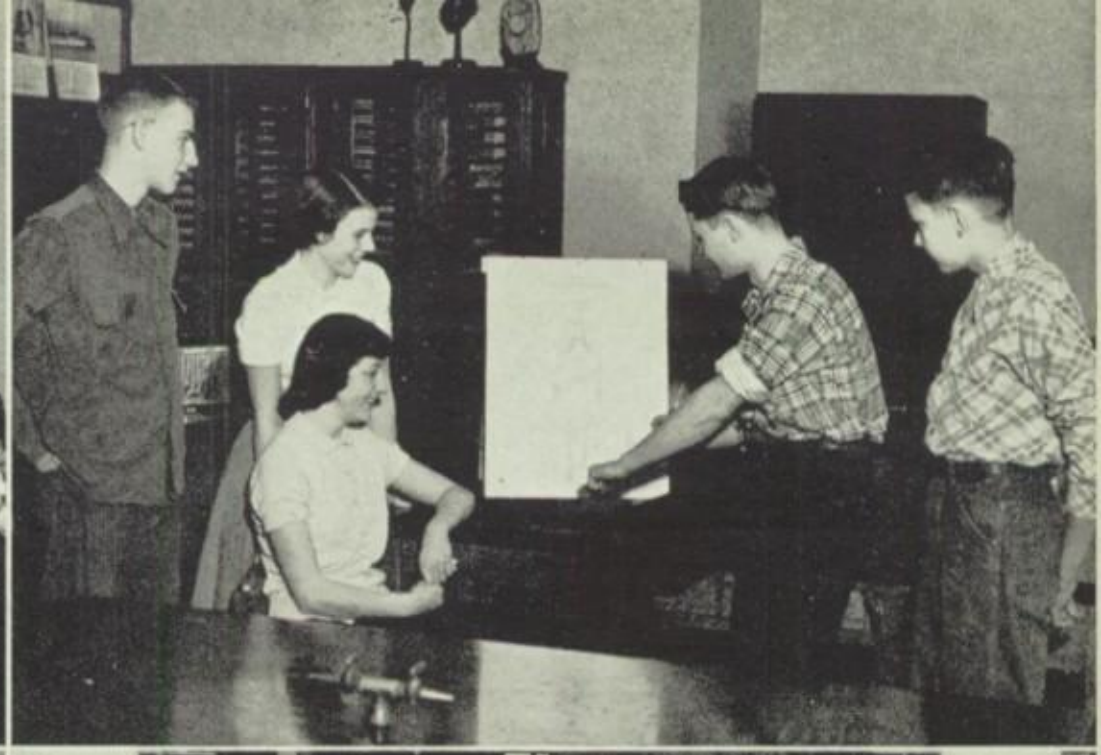
Mr. John W. O'Rourke believed that discussion played an important part in every class and his English and French classes were never lacking in interesting conversation. He devoted much time in sponsoring various Hi-Y activities.

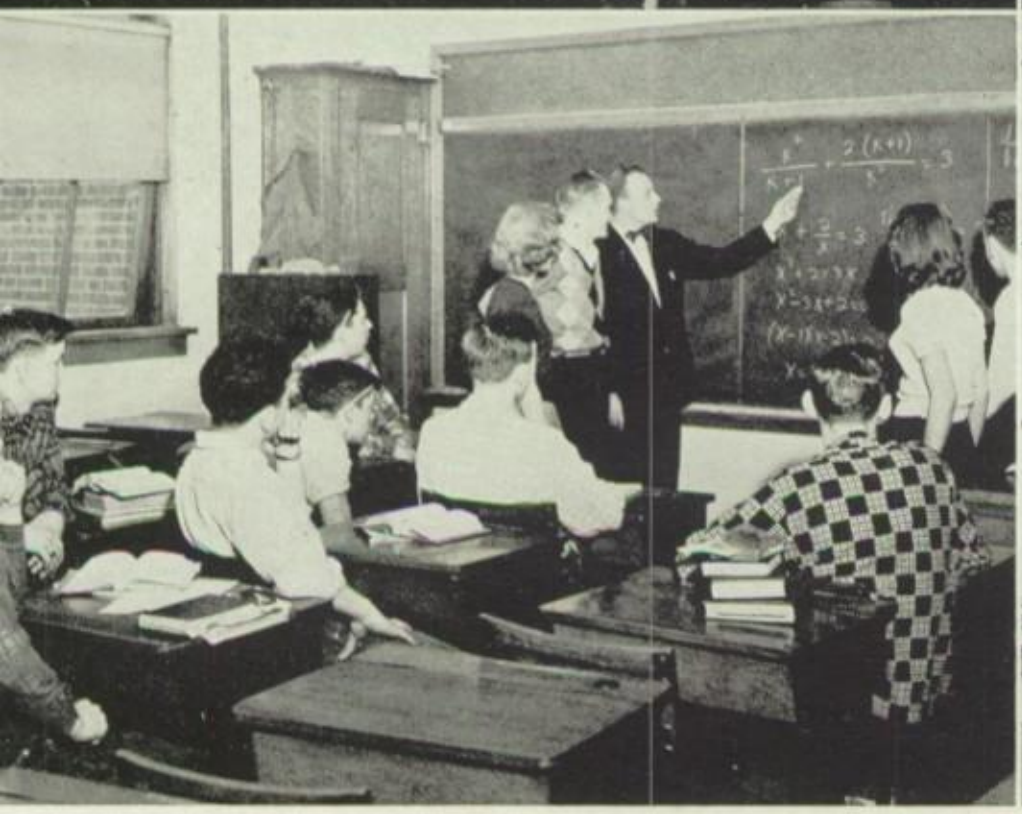
Physics and chemistry lost some of their mystery when Mr. David L. Parker explained them. He again coached a winning football team that captured the O. V. C. championship and finished the year unbeaten.

Miss Ida M. Price successfully completed her first year as junior high English teacher and sponsor of the Travalonette. Previously a math teacher, she was well acquainted with the students in Avalon.

Chorus and band continued to grow and improve under the baton of Howard E. Ryser. He gave not only of his talent but also of his time to make this year one of the most suc-







Top left, left to right: W. Thomson, M. Neely, T. Barnhardt. *Top right*, left to right: E. Barney, N. Clarke, E. Koehl, N. Wolff, N. Maier.

Bottom left, left to right: J. Miller, D. Stewart, M. Marchese, D. Montgomery, H. Culver, C. Craig, B. MacGregor, K. Smith, Mr. Morrell, R. Green, C. Harvey, R. Schleiden. *Bottom right*, left to right: E. Karhut, C. Sullivan, H. Craig, J. Nicklas.

cessful in the history of our music department.

Mrs. Dorothy W. Walk was the teacher of world history, Latin, and civics. Her fine work in the classroom and as adviser to the *Travalon* staff made her well-liked and respected among all her pupils.

Miss Janice Weigel, librarian, helped all those seeking information for reports and term papers and also sponsored Y-Teens. Her friendly smile and pleasant manner made her "tops" with the students.

Junior high students appreciated the help given them in mathematics by Mr. Joseph J. Wertacnik. As coach of the junior high football team, Mr. Wertacnik established an impressive record this year.

Miss Margaret E. Miller was always ready and willing to help solve the problems confronting the students. She did a commendable job of keeping the office running smoothly at all times.

The jokes and humor of Dr. Richard H. McCormick, school physician, won him many new friends among both students and faculty members. He diagnosed the illnesses of both grade school and high school pupols.

Aches and pains were capably treated by the school nurse, Mrs. Mary T. Davis. She was always ready to listen sympathetically to students as they told her their troubles.

the Senior

prom

The beautifully decorated Shannopin Country Club and the music of Bill Gable furnished the background for formally clad couples on May 17 when the long-awaited Senior Prom was held. Souvenirs in the shape of diplomas with carnations on them were given to every senior couple, and punch and cookies were served to the students, faculty, and board members by junior high girls. Prom chairman, Jim Wuenschel, and his various committees, aided by the class officers, made this prom one which will be long remembered not only by the seniors, but by the whole school as well.

representatives

student council

officers

Left to right: J. Wuenschel, L. Gray, J. Betcher, V. Sandberg.

"Sponsored by Student Council" was the by-line on the announcements of many important school events.

The students can be proud of the leaders they chose to represent them in the planning and directing of school affairs, for Student Council has been the most active organization in the school this year.

To start the year, the members elected as officers, Larry Gray, president; Val Sandberg, vice-president; Jane Betcher, secretary; and Jack Wuenschel, treasurer. Mrs. Janet Gollmar, sponsor, put forth her energy toward directing the activities of the club. Her efforts together with those of all the council members made student council one of the most active of all school organizations.

The first project undertaken was the second annual homecoming celebration with Sewickley. The council provided a victrola for the auditorium, handbooks for all students, and many paid assemblies for both junior and senior high. In order to pay for these things the council sponsored the yearly magazine campaign. Another new idea was the innovation of a Prom Queen and two attendants in place of a May Queen.

Also sponsored by the council was Twirp

First row, left to right: D. Askey, P. Hartley, J. Reel, D. McBride. *Second row:* G. Bahm, D. Sullivan, E. Karhut, P. Senk. *Third row:* S. Harvey, M. Sipe, J. Wuenschel, J. Dixon, J. Carter, M. Palmer, J. Betcher. *Fourth row:* M. Thompson, P. Beran, K. Burgert, M. Simpkiss, P. Stevenson, B. Kane, J. Gloeckner, A. Hay, J. McPherson, V. Sandberg, L. Gray.

# of good neighbors

day, the official leap year dance. The girls might have had to squeeze their pocketbooks, but enjoyed it just the same.

This year, elections for student council officers were held before the end of school in order to have as much planned as possible by next fall.

The junior high student council, protege of the senior high council, enjoyed equal success throughout the year. Daniel Askey presided over the meetings assisted by Gary Bahm, vice-president. Peggy Stevenson was elected secretary and Barbara Kane, treasurer. Their adviser was Miss Irene H. Austen. She helped the junior council shape and carry out policies beneficial to the students in the 7th, 8th, and 9th grades. One of their projects for the year was organizing a dance for the 7th and 8th graders. They enthusiastically supported and assisted the senior high student council and showed that they will soon be ready to fill the positions left vacant by departing senior council members.

JANET D. GOLLMAR
Adviser

First row, left to right: P. Hartley, J. Reel, V. Sandberg, L. Gray, J. Betcher. *Second row:* D. Sullivan, E. Karhut, P. Senk. *Third row:* J. Wuenschel, D. McBride, M. Palmer. *Fourth row:* J. Gloeckner, A. Hay, J. McPherson, J. Dixon, J. Carter.

the

officers

Left to right:
J. Irwin,
B. Beran,
J. Betcher,
J. Wuenschel.

outstanding seniors

Jane Betcher—Chorus, Cheerleader, Girls' sports, Y-Teens president, Junior and Senior plays, *Trawalon*, Pen and Key, *Annual* photo editor, Student council secretary, Three year class secretary.

Grace Pauley—Girls' sports, Y-Teens, Chorus, G. A. A. president, *Trawalon*, A Ticket, Junior play.

James Wuenschel—Junior prom chairman, Softball, Football, Hi-Y Senior vice-president.

Jane Carter—Chorus, Octette, Girls' sports, Cheerleader, Junior and senior plays, Class sports manager, G. A. A., *Trawalon*, Student council, *Annual* editor.

Janalene Nicklas — Chorus Octette, Girls' sports, Cheerleader, Junior play, *Trawalon*, Student council, G. A. A., *Annual*.

1952 senior class

The senior class has finally bid farewell to Avalon High School, never to forget the many friendships acquired there. 1952 showed one of the most colorful classes ever to graduate from the Alma Mater.

The sophomore year was spent mainly in getting acquainted with the high school life, and the new faculty members with which the class would be asscoiated for the next three years. The high spot in the class social life for that year was the Sophomore Party which followed the theme "The Bowery." The class also held picnics at Huffmyers and Cherry Dale farms.

In their junior year the class gained the reputation of being the best thespians of their time when they produced a Henry Aldrich comedy, directed by Mrs. Gollmar and Miss Roscoe. This was followed by the Junior-Senior Prom held on May 18 in the Shannopin Country Club.

When the senior year began the class realized it was their last year and immediately decided to have everything tops. Sports began in 1951 with an undefeated football season. In basketball Avalon breezed through the section undefeated and went on to win the state title.

For their senior play, the class with approximately the same cast, again played to a packed house with *Father of the Bride*, adapted from the movie of the same name.

The Annual went to press in March and the whole class hoped for another prize-winner in 1952.

In early spring plans were made for the first class night since 1947. The award assembly was held and everyone in the class received recognition in one field or another. After assembly the senior picnic was held at North Park. Following the picnic came Baccalaureate and Commencement in the high school auditorium and then the class of 1952 became a major part of the wide, wide world.

Donald Tobin—Basketball co-captain, Softball, Football, Junior vice-president, *Annual* business manager, Hi-Y.

Alice Hay—Chorus, Octette, Girls' sports, Y-Teens, Band, G. A. A., Pen and Key, *Annual*, A Ticket.

Donald Baird—Football captain, Softball, Basketball manager, Junior class treasurer, Hi-Y secretary, Stage crew, Junior play.

Robert Beran—Football, Softball, Basketball, Chorus, Octette, Junior and Senior plays, Three year class president, Hi-Y.

Eugene Sullivan—Band, Softball, Chorus, Octette, Projection crew, Basketball, Junior and Senior plays, Football.

Armstrong, James D.
Betcher, Jane I.
Brendle, Shirley
Carter, Mary Jane

Baird, Donald
Bowman, Ethel
Brown, Robert C.
Casey, Mary L.

Beran, Robert L.
Boylan, Rita J.
Burgert, Alfred L.
Craig, Harold

the 1952

ARMSTRONG, JAMES D.—Jim was one of Avalon's strong supports. Silent—he was seen riding around in a green Dodge. Jim was always good for a few "True Facts," and subtle sometimes.

BAIRD, DONALD—"Moe" Baird was captain of the undefeated foorball team and senior basketball manager. He never gave girls much of a break. He was the proud possessor of the coveted Jack Brice Award, and a steadying influence on his classmates.

BERAN, ROBERT L.—Football, basketball, chorus, octette, quartones, class Prexy for three years, junior and senior plays, Bob always did more than his share of work around school. He will soon be seen at Slippery Rock with a certain phys. ed. major. Maybe?

BETCHER, JANE I.—Head Cheerleader, Y-Teen Prexy, *Annual* Photo Editor, Student Council, Make-up Editor of *Travalon*, Football Queen, Member of Honor Society, lead in class plays, Janie was certainly a leader in her class, and "Tops."

BOWMAN, ETHEL — A tireless worker who always volunteered to do extra duties. She was an asset in girls sports and Y-Teens, and she will make some boss a good secretary, and someone else a helpful wife.

BOYLAN, RITA J.—Rita was very quiet in school but when she and Joanie got together she was a different girl. She amazed everyone with some of her answers in Chemistry and she was Mr. Ryser's headache.

BRENDLE, SHIRLEY—Commercial Student—Shirley's favorite dish was "Stew." Always good for a joke, "Shirl" livened many gym classes with her laugh. She was one of our peppy majorettes.

BURGERT, ALFRED L. — His hobbies were raising tropical fish and writing for *Travalon*. He was always hop tying Brownie in that fine car. Leo, the lion, also went into a short but exciting partnership with Rich.

senior class

BROWN, ROBERT C.—You could always hear Brownie coming before you could see his '37' Ford. He was at hand at all games to see our boys win and the first one back to tell the town we had won.

CARTER, MARY JANE—*Annual* Editor, Cheerleader, junior and senior plays, chorus and octette, National Honor Society member and G. A. A. pillar, Jane was seen quite a bit with a certain tall basketball player. Her goal—college.

CASEY, MARY L.—Mary Lou, a commercial student, always drew praises from the boys. She collected our absentee slips in the morning, what a secretary she'll make! Her eyes were always atwinkle and her sincerity unquestionable.

CRAIG, HAROLD—Hal's favorite pastime was music, the Dixieland band was his baby, but girls ran a very close second. He was a lobbyist in Harrisburg this year. Ambition—to college for a business administration course.

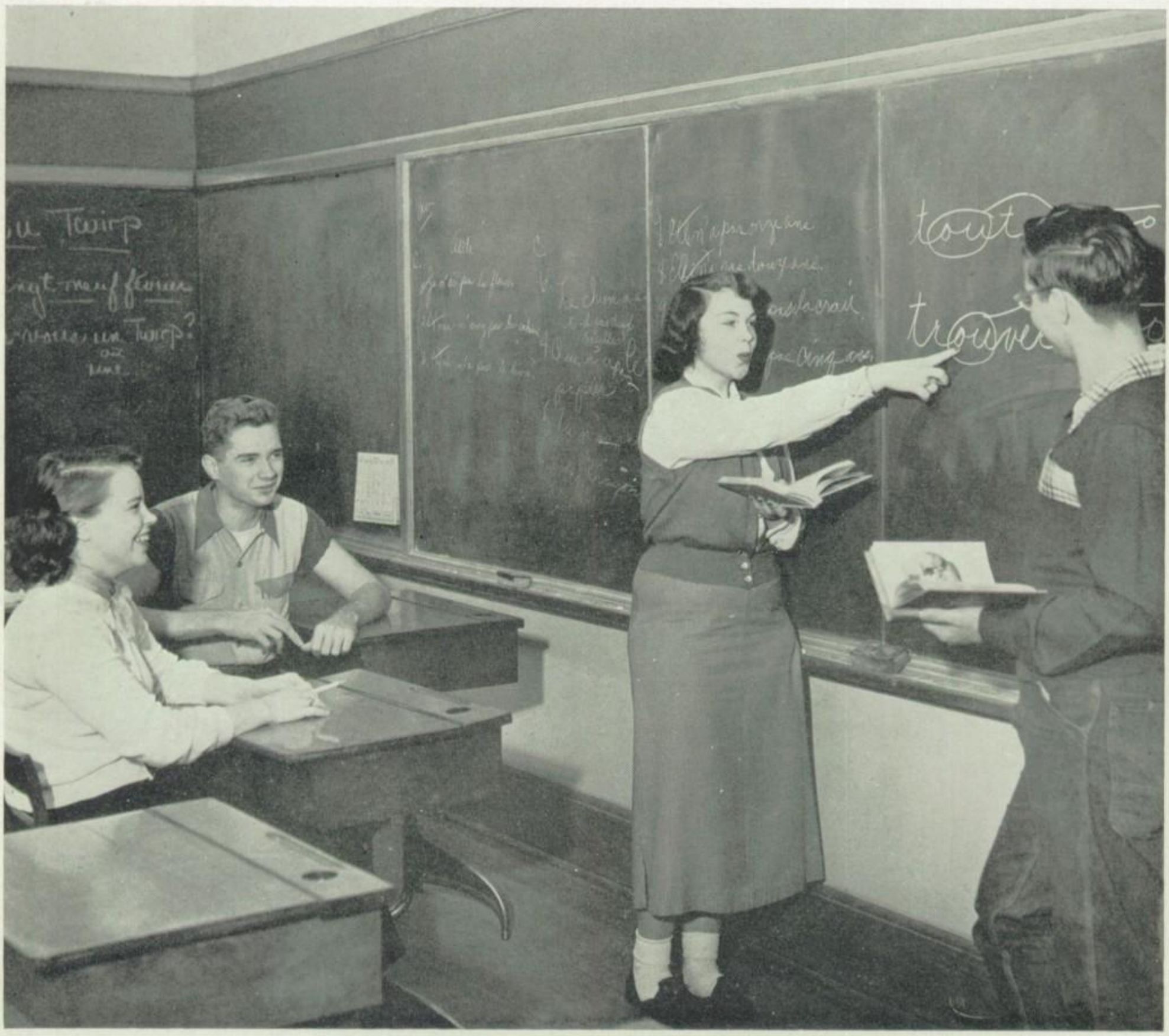
Brendle, S.; Boylan, R.; Geier, H.; Armstrong, J.

FISHER, SALLY M.—All of Sally's talent was in music but her beautiful eyes could only find devilment in Miss Carden's room. One of Joanie's pals, they had many an auto ride. Favorite courses—American History and Problems of Democracy.

FORD, SAMUEL J.—Quiet Sammy was one of our football injuries. The team missed him when he broke his ankle in the Trafford game, but his good humor never left him and he was always smiling. Outstanding qualities — courteous, enthusiastic, and friendly.

FORSYTHE, MARGARET C.—Peggy planned to get married after graduation but the lucky boy was from out of town. We know she'll make a good housewife, but wait—can she cook? Oh, well, she had sociology and her teacher said, "You're OK, Peglegitty."

FRENZ, RICHARD B.—Versatile "Fritzie" was the boy of many nicknames. He not only played football and basketball and dated a very pretty Sophomore, but he also popularized "the bloat!" Rich was one of our '52' State Champs—enough said!



Gray, L.; Forsythe, M.; Glover, J.; Jacobs, R.

senior class

GEIER, HELENE M.—Helene bore the brunt of most of Mr. Gordon's jokes, but she took it good-naturedly. She lent her talents to girl's sextette and chorus, and we bet she'll find her heart's desire because she is deserving.

GLOVER, JOAN B. — "Joanie's" giggle could be heard most frequently in French. She was the most heckled girl in class and pretended she hated it. Really, she loved it, and she was not as dumb as she thinks we think she was.

GRAY, LAWRENCE C.—Editing the *Travalon* and running student council took most of Larry's time but he managed to devote spare time to Cordic, his favorite radio personality, and much time to the pursuit of learning. Consequently, he was a top scholar.

HAY, ALICE—Alice's lovely voice was heard at assemblies and no one would guess that those devilish ideas of her's ever came from the same girl who sang "Ave Maria" so sweetly. She had a big smile, bigger personality, and brightest eyes.

HETZLER, WALTER J.—Jerry's tall tales were amusing if not always too factual. He dated a certain cute cheerleader and was the envy of not a few other boys. He was one of the frequenters of a Route 51 restaurant.

HUFFMYER, WILMA J.—Wilma was one of the few senior girls who sported a sparkler on her left hand. She wrote faithfully to Germany but never let it keep her from having a good time. Success, in whatever she does, will come to her.

IRWIN, JAMES E.—Jim was one of those fellows out for a laugh. Always good for a snappy wisecrack, Jim was a popular guy. He'll probably end up on the Colgate Comedy Hour as some teacher's stooge.

JACOBS, ROY E.—Jake's Chevy was in quite a few accidents but it never seemed to get hurt; it was his constant companion along with "Bug." He was the artist of the class and had many fine oil paintings to his credit.

Fisher, Sally M.
Frenz, Richard B.
Gray, Lawrence C.
Huffmyer, Wilma J.
Ford, Samuel J.
Geier, Helene M.
Hay, Alice
Irwin, James E.
Forsythe, Margaret C.
Glover, Joan B.
Hetzler, Walter J.
Jacobs, Roy E.

Kaiser, Brenda L.
Kochenbach, Richard A.
Mayer, Ronald B.
McPherson, John W.

Karhut, Elaine E.
Lawton, Sallie
McBride, Anna M.
Mesloh, Raymond E.

Kimmich, Marilyn J.
Mawhinney, Diane
McNanny, William E.
Monda, Frances J.

KAISER, BRENDA L.—Brenda was the brain in the class of '52. She was Mr. Edwards' diligent secretary and a faithful band member. She will succeed in whatever vocation she chooses, and her dimpled-smile will be an asset.

KARHUT, ELAINE E.—A roofer's sweetheart, Elaine spent most of her time at the movies. She was Mr. Gardner's secretary and a very efficient worker. She was dubbed, "Elaine the lovable, Elaine the fair."

KIMMICH, MARILYN J.—Marilyn was the best typist in the senior class, and an all-round commercial student. She will always be remembered for her neat clothes and her dramatic entrance in the junior play.

KOCHENBACH, RICHARD A.—"Red's" thoughts were all for basketball but it was only this year that he gave his talent to the team. A wonderful player, "Koke" was the master of sarcasm. He was a rare trombone player in our band—Hey! Hey!

LAWTON, SALLIE — A tireless worker as "A" ticket head, and "Y" secretary, Sallie didn't let work interfere with pleasure. Her beautiful hair and sweet smile were a trade mark of her personality; a modeling career is her post-graduation plan.

MAWHINNEY, DIANE—Give her a thread and she'll make a skirt; give her a basketball and she'll make points; give her a subject and she'll make A's. Her aim, to be a Home Economics teacher, and she'll make an excellent one.

MAYER, RONALD B.—Ronnie's middle initial was an under statement of his grades. He is one of Avalon's best known personalities and one of the few fellows who has brains and athletic ability. He's "champ" in every sense of the word.

McBRIDE, ANNA M.—Anna Mae was an effervescent girl and always willing to work. She was one of the hard-working *Annual* typists and Secretary of the Interior in room 13. Her main desire—more birthdays.

senior class

McNANNY, WILLIAM E.—Avalon's "Nimrod." He was always peering from Brown's car window with a facetious smile. He surely will find a "happy hunting ground" in some vocation, maybe metallurgy or watch-making.

McPHERSON, JOHN W.—"Mac's" ways with words made him a storehouse of knowledge on any subject you could name. He was the author of the clever feature articles on the second page of *Travalon* and the crossword puzzle expert of the year.

MESLOH, RAYMOND E.—The "paradoxical" kid. Ray was far from a gabby in any of Mr. Parker's classes. Played tackle in football and was in the upper tenth of the senior class. His nickname S.P., was a misnomer.

MONDA, FRANCES J.—She was Mr. Gordon's favorite homemaker and Mr. O'Rourke's "Miss Moanda." A dapper girl with an eye for good color combinations was Frannie. Public relation work her goal, and she can do.

Kimmich, M.; Monda, F.; Kochenbach, R.; Lawton, S.

NASH, ALICE ANN—Alice Ann was a quiet girl with beautiful blonde hair and serious eyes. As a Diana-like majorette, she put Avalon in a good light when she stepped out on the field.

NEWLIN, NANCY R. — This galliard girl had springs in her heels. She held "open-house" all year round. She was President of Pen & Key, winner of Legion contest, assistant Major-domo of band, and assistant-nurse.

NICKLAS, JANALENE R.—Artist, cheerleader, and athlete, Jan had talent anyway you look at it. She livened our pep assemblies with imitations and song-and-dance routines, and could always be counted on for a little talk on the beauties of "Eat'N Park."

PALMER, MERCEDES M.—She made neat posters and wore trim clothes as the staring eyes of Avalon have noticed. "Mert" desires modeling as a career. Look for her in Ceil Chapman gown.

Sandberg, V.; Pauley, G.; Nash, A.; Palmer, M.

senior class

PAULEY, GRACE M.—As G. A. A. prexy, Grace kept her club moving. An avid sports fan, she was in the thick of it at hockey, volleyball, and basketball games. She also made National Honor Society, and was copy-reader for *Travalon*.

POTTS, JOHN — John was the "Brother John" of Avalon High. Slowness marked his character and dry is the adjective for his humor. When John read a story the words changed their structure, and their meaning.

REEL, JEAN C.—Head majorette for two years, Jeannie led the Avalon band at every football game. She gave her lovely soprano voice to chorus and double octette and was a loyal supporter of both the junior and senior play.

REINER, LOIS J.—Lois' heart was taken before she ever graduated "Bob" was the lucky boy. She could be seen at almost any hour of the day in the office typing or running off announcements and tests.

ROCHE, CHARLOTTE E.—"Char" was in girl's sports and an expert assistant to our school secretary, Miss Miller. She was Moe Caye's chariot companion, and many envy him his charming chariotess.

RUPERT, MARJORIE—In English class and out Maggie exhibited rugged individualism. Her personality resembled that of an effervescing bottle of mineral water. Although the most badgered girl in the senior class, she enjoyed it.

RUSSELL, DELORIS—The only girl who consistently got good French grades. Deloris would always know the answers to French questions. A soft voice and pleasant manner characterized this member of the Class of '52.

SANDBERG, VALDIMAR C.—As Business Manager of the *Travalon* and on the literary staff of the yearbook, "Valdy" exhibited his versatility. His wide range of experience helped to explain why he was always good for an extemporanious speech. We hope he becomes Barrister Sandberg.

Nash, Alice A.
Palmer, Mercedes M.
Reel, Jean C.
Rupert, Marjorie

Newlin, Nancy R.
Pauley, Grace M.
Reiner, Lois
Russell, Deloris

Nicklas, Janalene R.
Potts, John
Roche, Charlotte
Sandberg, Valdimar C.

Schlarman, John C.
Sipe, Howard A.
Sorg, Raymond G.
Thompson, Paul

Scialabba, Frank J.
Smith, Dixie J.
Sprague, Shirley G.
Thomson, Roger A.

Seelhorst, Roberta
Somerhalder, Ann
Sullivan, Eugene C.
Tobin, Donald K.

SCHLARMAN, JOHN C.—Commuting between McCandless Township and school and being head football manager took a great part of Jack's day. The woods will be his home since his ambition is to become a forest ranger.

SCIALABBA, FRANK J.—Whenever Frank scratched his head you knew he was thinking. Compensating for his quiet traits in a classroom Frank was anything but reserve outside limits of the school. The Hi-Y basketball team received his long-legged ability.

SEELHORST, ROBERTA P.—"Bobby" participated in girls sports, pursued a commercial course, worked part-time at the Colonial, and will continue secretarial training after graduation. Some boss will appreciate her efficient persistence.

SIPE, HOWARD A. — "Howdy" was another "Mr. Extra curricular." During football season he was a halfback for Mr. Parker and an actor for Mrs. Gollmar. Mr. Dennison was his coach from November to March. The Hi-Y members had a handsome prexy. Why call him "Dream Boy"?

SMITH, DIXIE J.—Dixie was a girl with her head in songs and her feet in Scotland. She was a newcomer to Avalon in 1950 but fit right in from the first. Her shy manner was often deceiving.

SOMERHALDER, ANN—Ann could never be called a quiet personality. Put a baton in her hand and watch her strut; put humorous thought in her head and listen to her laugh. Some boss' wife will be jealous of this pretty and petite secretary.

SORG, RAYMOND G.—In gym class he kept the basketball nets hot. In a classroom he was cool. Always a tranquil student, Ray was just plain "Sig" or "Hirohito". Always a gentleman even though shy.

SPRAGUE, SHIRLEY S.—Shirley was a member of the chorus, as well as its accompanist. Again under Mr. Ryser, she was a tenor sax player in the band. Her extra-curricular activities were numerous. Nevertheless, Shirley's report card showed no shortcomings.

senior class

SULLIVAN, EUGENE C.—The phrase "jack of all, master of none," doesn't apply to Eugene. "Sully" stood out in basketball, football, band, chorus, and in both the junior and senior class plays. "Reaction" was one of "Chuck's" nicknames.

THOMPSON, PAUL A.—One-fourth of the fabulous "Quaratones" was this second tenor. "Crud" was never reluctant to laugh, even at the worst jocular statements. Paul intends to find his life work in the field of business administration.

THOMSON, ROGER A.—When a bright and gay evening was desired, "Rog" was the necessary factor. "Bug" was the instigator for most of Avalon's vernacular. Roger also gave the teachers an excuse to give "A's". The field of engineering will be rewarded by his presence.

TOBIN, DONALD K.—"Icabod" ranked tops in football and TOP-tops in basketball. His sportsmanship and scholastic attainments were admired by everyone. He preferred Carter's red ink for all occasions. "Toby's" humor in class and in sports gave the necessary balance to his life as well as to others.

Sprague, S.; Tobin, D.; Thomson, R.; Sullivan, E.

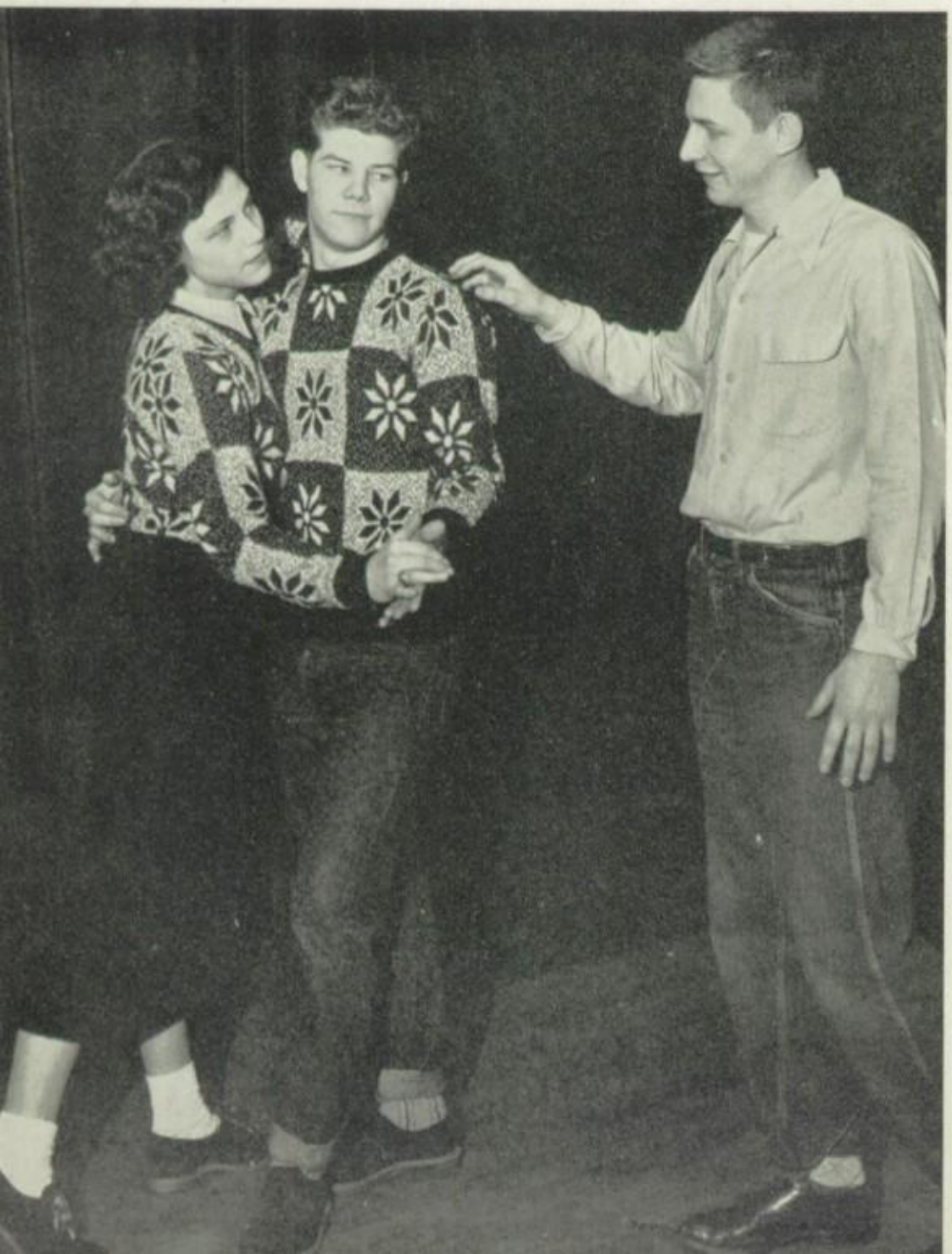
seniors

Vaughan, Nancy A.
Wuenschel, James
Vogel, James L.
Zdinak, Eileen M.
Wright, Dorothy
Zinkand, Donald

VAUGHAN, NANCY A.—Outstanding in all girls sports and as an *Annual* salesman, Nancy's ability at card playing was not overshadowed by her ability to laugh, at others and herself. She still keeps the midnight oil burning for a certain Coast Guard.

VOGEL, JAMES L.—Whatever situation arose, Jim had a witty comment. His type of humor was readily adopted by his fellow-students. Jim was never afraid to exhibit his talents to an audience as shown by his performance at the "Twirp Dance."

WRIGHT, DOROTHY M.—Dot's quiet ways in school were deceiving. She was one of the four who frequented the Bellevue show every Saturday night. Pen and Key and Y-Teens were her favorite activities.



WUENSCHEL, JAMES—A calm fellow, Jim as it seems, worried about nothing and that is an understatement. "Wuensch" was an optimist. He had everyone psychoanalyzed but kept his analysis hidden. The "Win for Wuenschel" stimulus in his junior year, also helped win for the football team in '51 and '52.

ZDINAK, EILEEN M.—No one could figure out how Eileen ever made it up "the hill" and back in time for school. It must have been all the peppy cheer-leading that got her in condition. A semi-cat, Eileen loved those dances after basketball games; never missed a one.

ZINKAND, DONALD—"Zink's" outstanding quality was fair play. A compliment from Don was considered as a reward because it was always from the heart. As "Tommy" in the senior play Don demonstrated his capacity in dramatics.

Vaughan, N.; Vogel, J.; Wuenschel, J.

Top row, first picture, left to right: C. Pinkerton, R. Beck, P. Thompson, H. McGinnis. *Second picture:* N. Clarke, G. Adams, C. Laatu. *Third picture:* E. Zdinak.

Second row, first picture: Beat Bellevue! *Second picture:* ? *Third picture:* M. Rupert, L. Burgert, D. Kajowski, J. Dixon, Mr. O'Rouke.

Third row, first picture: J. McPherson, A. McBride, B. McNanny, E. Karhut. *Second picture:* D. Tobin, R. Mesloh, R. Thomson, H. Sipe, J. Vogel. *Third picture:* D. Wright, D. Zinkand, E. Edinak.

Fourth row, first picture: J. Woodburn, J. Vogel, R. Jacobs, H. Woodburn. *Second picture:* H. Sipe, R. Sorg, A. Someholder, P. Thompson. *Third picture:* A. Somerholder, B. Brown, B. Beran.

the *excels*

officers

left to right; L. Wood,
J. Dixon, B. Mariner,
H. Culver

Kneeling, left to right: B. Laux, J. Platt.
Standing: T. Disher, R. Green, D. Kujawski,
W. Gilliland, G. Kenny, P. Hartley.

junior class

in all fields

As their first step on the road to success, the Class of "53" chose Buddy Mariner as their president. Assisting him with his many responsibilities were Lenny Wood, vice-president; Joanne Dixon, serving her second term as secretary; and Harry Culver, treasurer.

The football season saw such outstanding stars as Lenny Wood, Bob Toward, Don Hetzler, Kerry Smith, and Buddy Mariner. Norm Buck, Joe Miller, Dave Montgomery, John Woodburn and Bud Woodburn also showed promise of being future stars.

Basketball fans soon learned to cheer the Junior sharp-shooter Bob Toward. Not to be forgotten, however, were Buddy Mariner, Don Hetzler, Kerry Smith, John Woodburn and Bud Woodburn who also showed great ability on the basketball court.

The band benefited by the talents of Chuck Craig, and Dick Haring, while the chorus, received the enthusiastic participation of Joe Miller, Dick Haring, Chuck Craig, Kitty Lou Wagener, Cynthia Harvey, Ted Hirsch, Adell Parker, and Barbara MacGregor.

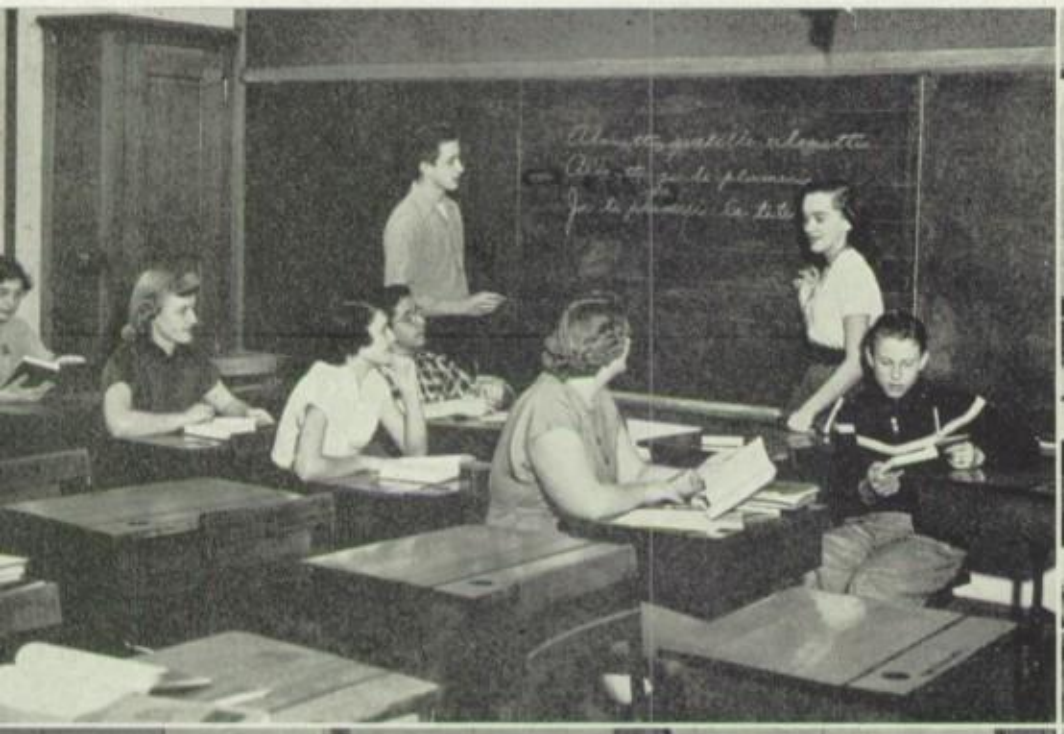
In the field of literary achievement, Chuck Craig, and Cynthia Harvey wrote for the *Annual.* While many juniors, including Kitty Lou Wagener, Barbara Laux, Joanne Dixon, and Cynthia Harvey, wrote tirelessly for the *Travalon.*

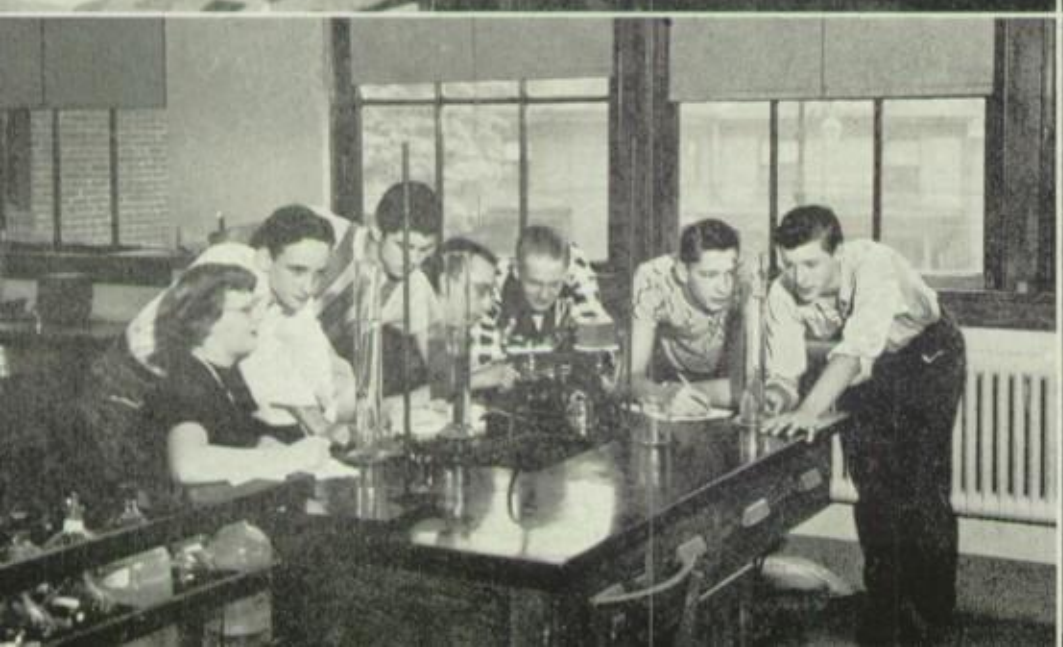
Selling ads and subscriptions for the *Travalon* were Adell Parker, Pat Burkholder, Barbara Fay, Charlene Stringert, and Virginia Huston. The *Annual* Business Staff boasted of such highpowered salesmen as Barbara MacGregor, Mary Waldron, Dorothy McBride, and Barbara Laux.

The Class of '52 had no qualms when they left the reins of leadership in such capable hands.

First row: S. Kaiser, B. MacGregor, M. Waldron, K. Wagner. *Second row:* R. Haring, R. Schleiden, *standing,* C. Craig, C. Harvey.
Left to right: A. Parker, K. Wolff, D. Hetzler, B. Toward, K. Smith, N. Buck, K. Reiger.

Left to right: J. Miller, H. Woodburn, M. Marchese, V. Carroll, J. Woodburn, H. Norman.
First row: J. Geyer, V. Huston, D. McBride, D. Stewart. *Second row:* F. Barrett, R. Brooks, T. Hirsch.





the sophomore

promise of good

Firmly implanted on the second rung of a promising career in high school, the Class of '54 chose as their leaders John Gatchell, president; LeRoy Lynn vice-president; Barbara Keir secretary; and Eileen Koehl treasurer.

November 1 marked their first venture into high school society when they held their annual sophomore party in the gym. This year's theme was the "Rainbow Room" with all the decorations in the hues of the rainbow.

The sophomores also insured their bid for future gridiron success with such promising players as Jack Wuenschel, Jack Gerber, Don Sullivan, Henry Betcher, John Gatchell, Warren Fitzpatrick and Don Wood.

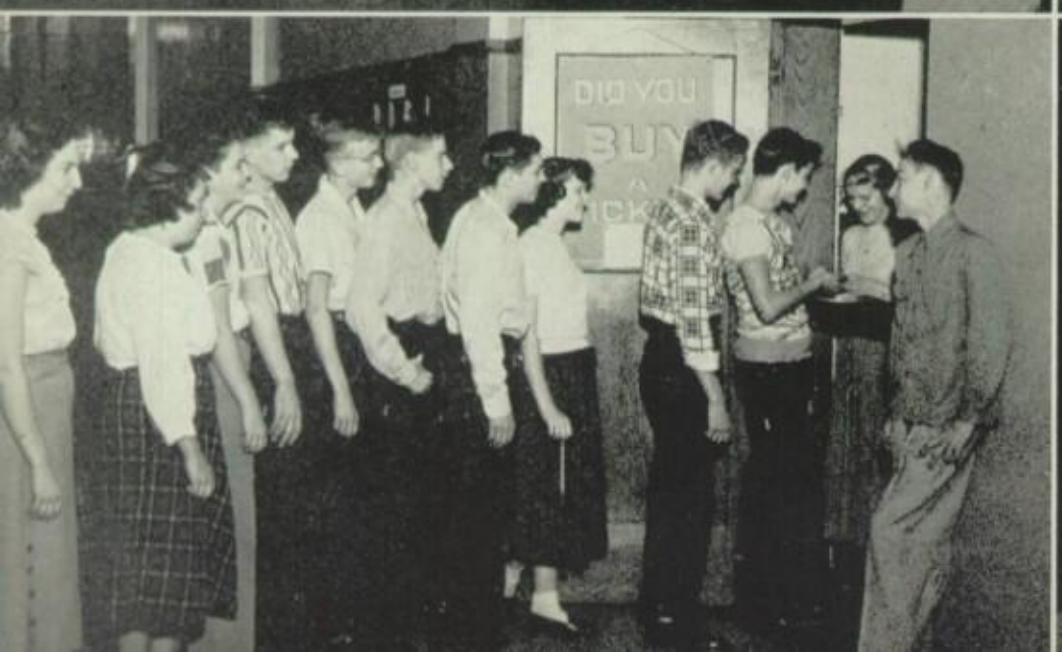
New additions to the cheerleading squad this year were sophomores Janice Bahm and Peggy Senk, while the able twirling of Barbara Keir, Joan Messmer, and Eileen Koehl led the prancing Avalon band. This group attracted the talents of Jayne Redshaw, Eileen McSorley, John Wolff, and Robert Frauman.

Janice Bahm, Joan Messmer, Carolyn Laatu, Barbara Keir, Eileen Koehl, Nancy Clarke, Carl Spangler, and John Wolff were the authors of many articles for the *Travalon*. Assisting on the business end of the paper were Nancy Clarke, Joan Seelhorst, Barbara Parker, Eileen Nabors and Jayne Redshaw.

The chorus did not lack for members from this enterprising class. Don Sullivan, Lis Jones, Joan Seelhorst, Shirley McPherson, LeRoy Lynn, John Wolff, Carolyn Kaercher, Jayne Redshaw, Eileen McSorley and Warren Fitzpatrick were among the many sophomores in chorus activities.

Yet, through it all, the Class of '54 maintained a fine neighborliness of spirit that was hard to beat.

Top left, first row, seated: C. Tredway, J. Bahm, J. Messmer, P. Senk. *Standing*: J. Wuenschel, R. Quigley, J. Sorg, E. Barney, H. Betcher, J. Gloeckner.
Upper right, first row seated: C. Kercher, J. Messmer, H. Ryser. *Second row seated*: J. Reel, P. Burkholder, S. McPherson, L. Jones, H. Fitzsimmons, J. Redshaw. *Third row, standing*: D. Sullivan, J. Wolff, N. Maier, R. Fraumann, F. Schoeppner, W. Fitzpatrick.
Lower left, left to right: M. Perberton, J. Beatty, B. Casey, J. Hubert, C. Spangler, J. Henry, F. Getz, J. Kaelin, C. Wilcoxen, J. Paff, C. Stringert, R. Little.
Lower right, left to right: V. LoPresti, W. Beatty, M. Moakley, A. Natale, P. Newell, R. Short.



class *things*

officers

J. Gatchell,
B. Keir,
L. Lynn,
E. Koehl.

Kneeling, left to right: E. McSorley, M. Russell. *Sitting:* M. Bailey, J. Steck, R. Grande, E. Messmer. *Standing:* B. Parker, E. Nabors.

Upper left, first row, left to right: B. Pecyna, G. Marchese, C. Bernauer, B. Badger. *Second row:* A. Leidergerber, J. Erdner, S. Fitzsimmons, B. Clifford, M. Nedostup, N. Ferguson. *Third row:* R. Marengo, R. Long, J. McPherson, G. Anderson, D. Kaiser. *Upper right, first row,* left to right: R. Montcastle, G. Fitzpatrick, J. Geier, K. Ritter, T. O'Brien. *Second row:* M. Speakman, B. Hastings, J. Benno, G. Schnellbacher, M. Williams, R. Caye. *Third row:* M. Simphics, P. Swanson, D. Achey, B. Martin. *Lower left, back row:* E. Gormley, K. Burgert, M. Wills, M. Neeley, J. Miller, R. McDonald, W. Thomson, C. Klein, M. Duncan. *Front row:* J. Seager, M. Montgomery, B. Toward, R. Bruckman. *Lower right,* left to right: L. Caddick, E. Turner, P. Parker, R. Simendinger, B. Paff, B. Kane, J. Ritter, S. Meadowcroft, A. Haley.

the freshman class

"A cheerful 'hello' and a 'hi' for good measure" seemed to be the slogan this year for the freshman class, now well accustomed to life in the high school.

Gridiron representatives, of junior high were Tom Barnhardt, Hugh Ferguson, Rich McDonald, Harry MacGregor, George Schnellenbacher, Dick Mountcastle, and Kenny Ritter. Repeaters from last year's junior high basketball team were Richard Bruckman, Hugh Ferguson, Charles Klein, Robert Long, Robert Maringo, and William Martin. Lynne Caddick, Sue Meadowcroft, Elizabeth Gormley, Peggy Parker, Barbara Kane, and Mary Ann Montgomery cheered both junior varsity teams on to successful seasons. The freshmen elected Alice Haley to the office of president, with Lynne Caddick as vice-president, Elizabeth Gormley as secretary and Barbara Kane as treasurer.

Left to right: A. Haley, L. Caddick, B. Kane, E. Gormley.

Top left, left to right: M. Sipe, D. Seidel, R. Cornett, P. Stevenson, J. Moore, R. Ellis, A. Burns, J. Hathaway, J. Butler, S. Kimball.

Top right, first row, left to right: M. Kilen, J. Eberhardt, T. Stellfox, B. Armold, D. Schleiden. *Second row:* S. Schmidt, D. Williams, C. Bica, J. Scott, J. Waldron, V. Beck, N. Wirth, M. Hull.

Lower left, first row, left to right: R. Oddis, D. Getts, D. Br.ttain, E. Grubbs. *Second row:* H. Johnston, R. Achtzen, A. Blackburn. *Third row:* J. J. Maraca, H. Kushman.

Lower right, first row, left to right: C. Wirth, S. Hall, L. Marshall. *Second row:* B. Custer, V. Askey, C. Pinkerton, H. McGinnis. *Third row:* G. Bahm, P. Lampo, W. Schuster.

the eighth grade

Our neighbors in the upstairs halls, needing no coaxing, took an active part in junior high activities and began to gain the attention of the upperclassmen looking for a truly amicable class.

Ronald Oddis presented a prevue of a future strong Avalon football team as he showed great promise on the gridiron.

Other junior high organizations received their share of these eager, hard-working boys and girls. In all, the eighth grade showed an above average amount of talent which undoubtedly will be invaluable to Avalon in future years.

Room presidents Dorothy Seidel of room 22 and Gary Bahm representing room 28 as president of junior high student council reflected the class fine school spirit and enthusiam.

Left to right: D. Seidel, Miss Austen, G. Bahm.

P. Beran, S. Harvey, Mr. Wertacnik.

seventh grade

The high school spread the welcome mat for a very promising seventh grade this year. The capability of the class to excell in all departments was recognized at once by the upperclassmen. Active interest was taken by the class in F. H. A., Drama Club, Hobby Club, and the Travalonette, along with the Junior High Student Council. Carolyn Utberg and David Sandberg represented their class in the K. Q. V. spelling bee this year. Rather than elect class officers, the seventh grade chose home room presidents who kept their classes well up on the scholastic and activity ladder. They were Scott Harvey and Patricia Beran of rooms 29 and 21 respectively. The school was proud to have such a fine class to uphold the school standards in 1957.

First row: R. Yingling, R. Snyder, R. Graff, J. Reiner, L. Bernauer. *Second row:* T. Barr, J. Montcastle, M. Francis, E. Ranta, C. Remensnyder, D. Sandberg, A. Klein, T. Hillberg, M. Platt. *Third row:* W. Mawhinney, J. Plitt, E. Sutton, D. Smith.

First row: R. Wirth, W. Kimball, C. Henry, N. Buck, R. Park. *Second row:* M. Gillilland, N. Beatley, G. Hunter, C. Holzhauser, S. Harvey. *Third row:* G. Owens, W. Marshall, J. Barnhardt, J. McPherson, C. Moore.

First row: P. Cowley, R. Beck, J. Hirsch, C. Ritter, M. Martin, L. Stevenson, R. Parker. *Second row:* M. Thompson, G. Thompson, B. Wagner, M. Myers, N. Myers.

First row: N. Blackburn, E. Jones, D. Williams, M. Patterson, A. Funkhauser. *Second row:* C. Utberg, S. Laatu, P. Simon, J. Jones, P. Beran.

Top left, left to right: J. Schlarman, D. Smith, R. Seelhorst, F. Sciaabba. *Top right*, left to right: R. Mayer, R. Mesloh, D. Mawhinney B. Kaiser.
Middle left, left to right: A. Hay, S. Ford, J. Irwin, S. Fisher. *Middle right*, left to right: B. Beran, L. Burgert, J. Betcher, J. Carter.
Bottom left, left to right: E. Bowman, M. Casey, B. Baird, H. Craig.
Bottom right, left to right: R. Frenz, W. Huffmyer, J. Hetzler.

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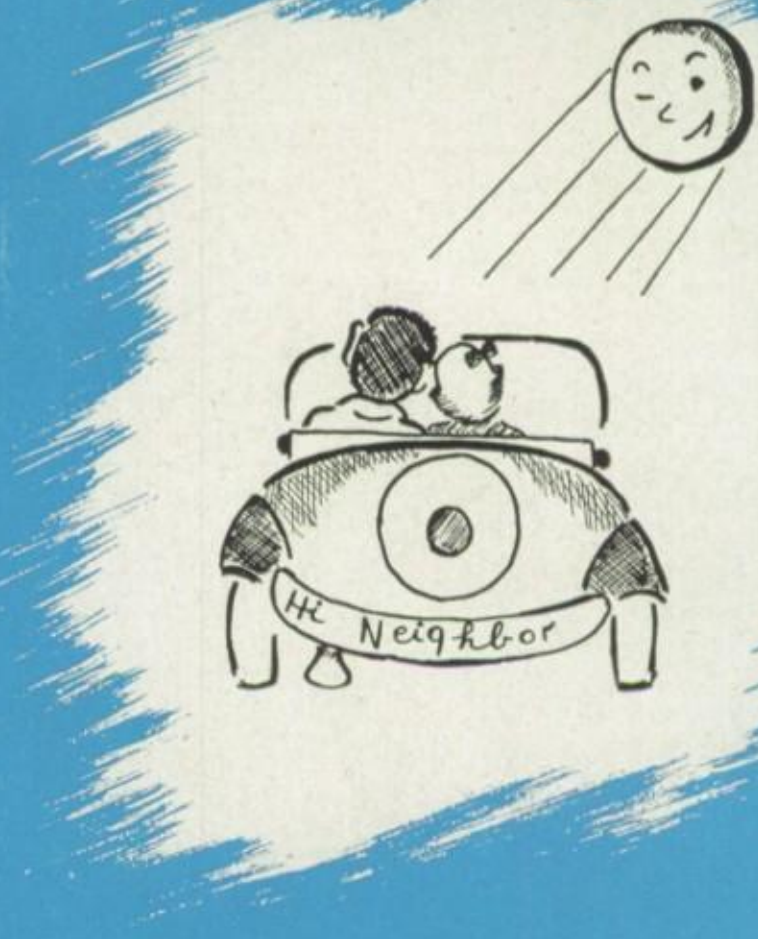

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the 1952 avalon

Left to right: J. McPherson, R. Mesloh, J. Betcher, R. Jacobs, D. Tobin, Jane Carter, E. Zdinak.

DUDLEY GORDON
Adviser

First row, left to right: N. Vaughan, M. Palmer, A. Somerhalder, D. Mawhinney, S. Brendle, B. MacGregor, M. Waldron. *Second row:* C. Stringert, B. Laux, S. Lawton, J. Betcher, A. Parker, J. Glover, D. McBride. *Third row:* D. Tobin, R. Mayer, R. Thomson, J. Schlarman.

annual

records school history

The spirit that the class of "52" has shown since it first entered the Alma Mater can best be expressed in the theme of the class' annual. Thus the *Annual* staff has put into words the feeling of friendliness for which the class is known.

Editor Jane Carter was kept busy from September to May with *Annual* writeups, makeup, meetings and money. Don Tobin held the position of business manager, a spot held by his sister in 1950. Two people on the business staff who helped Don with the money matters were Nancy Newlin, circulation manager, and Eileen Zdinak, treasurer. They financed the yearbook with the help of the ambitious salesmen: Barbara Laux, Jack Schlarman, Sally Lawton, Nancy Vaughan, Nancy Newlin, Adell Parker, Ronald Mayer, Mercedes Palmer, Ann Somerhalder, Roger Thomson, Diane Mawhinney, Joan Glover, Mary Waldron, Barbara MacGregor, Charlene Stringert, Dorothy McBride, Jane Betcher and Shirley Brendle.

The literary department, headed by Jack McPherson and assisted by Val Sandberg, Shirley Sprague, Grace Pauley, Ronald Mayer, Cynthia Harvey and Charles Craig, highlighted the activities of the school year.

The theme of this year's annual called for more snaps than in years before and Jane Betcher, photo editor, planned these pictures with the help of Sally Lawton, Bob Beran and Norm Buck. The clever art work was done by artist Jan Nicklas. Of primary importance were the hardworking typists: Marilyn Kimmich, Alice Hay, Anna May McBride, Shirley Brendle, Elaine Karhut, Jeanne Platt and Joanne Dixon.

Mr. Gordon, as sponsor, worked on the dummy and the advertising with the editor and business manager, and showed them many short cuts to editing a book.

For many nights the typists met in Room 13 to identify pictures and type write-ups, while the business staff collected the money from advertisers, patrons, and clubs.

In spite of a lot of hard work and a few nervous breakdowns, the *Annual* was produced on schedule with the whole staff earning a well deserved handshake and a vote of thanks from the class of '52.

Left to right: J. Carter, C. Craig, J. MacPherson, V. Sandberg, R. Mayer, C. Harvey, S. Sprague.
Left to right: S. Lawton, J. Nicklas, R. Mesloh, N. Buck, J. Betcher, R. Jacobs, R. Beran.
Left to right: E. Karhut, A. Hay, S. Brendle, M. Kimmich, J. Platt, J. Dixon, A. McBride.

the travalon

herald of school news

Left to right: L. Burgert, L. Gray, J. Nicklas, J. Betcher, V. Sandberg, D. Mawhinney.

DOROTHY WALK
Adviser

This year the school paper has, under the editorship of Larry Gray and sponsor Dorothy Walk, been more original and interesting to the student body than it has been at any other time. Larry was not only editor-in-chief, but he also had the job of feature editor. His ideas and suggestions were put into words by the feature writers, Carolyn Laatu and Jack McPherson.

An understudy to the editor was Kitty Lou Wagener, assistant editor, who took care of the handing out and collecting of assignments.

Since Avalon's sports victories made subject material simple to find, filling the sports page was easy for sports editor Leo Burgert. Janalene Nicklas helped him by writing the girls' sports.

A hard thing to write is news, but this department was capably handled by a large staff consisting of Janice Bahm, Barbara Keir, Eileen Koehl, Nancy Clarke, Shirley Sprague, Jane Carter, Mercedes Palmer, Cynthia Harvey, Joanne Dixon, Barbara Laux, Carl Spangler, and Howard Sipe. The mistakes

Standing: V. Sandberg. *First row:* A. McBride, C. Stringert, V. Huston, J. Dixon, J. Betcher, E. Zdinak, J. Bahm, P. Sink. *Second row:* P. Burkholder, A. Somerhalder, D. Wright, M. Rupert, A. Parker, N. Clarke, J. Seelhorst, E. Nabors. *Third row:* A. Hay, A. Nash, D. Mawhinney, S. Sprague, E. McSorley, J. Redshaw, B. MacGregor.

made by these were corrected by Grace Pauley, proof reader. Next the Travalon took shape at the hands of Jane Betcher, make-up editor, and her assistant, Joan Messmer, and the articles were typed by Eileen Zdinak, Ethel Bowman, Nancy Newlin, and Mary Lou Casey.

Next the ad and subscription salesmen, headed by Val Sandberg, Diane Mawhinney, and assistant Sherry Kaiser, came into the limelight. They were: Dorothy Wright, Anna Mae McBride, Marjorie Rupert, Adell Parker, Charlene Stringert, Joanne Dixon, Pattie Burkholder, Nancy Clarke, Janice Bahm, Joanne Seelhorst, Barbara Parker, Eileen Nabors, Virginia Huston, Ann Somerhalder, Eileen Zdinak, Jayne Redshaw, Shirley Sprague, Eileen McSorley, Barbara Fay, and Alice Hay. Besides the nine regular issues of the Travalon, three extra editions were published. One was printed during football season, and another during basketball season. The remaining number was to celebrate the Travalon's twenty-eighth anniversary.

Left to right: J. Wolff, C. Spangler, K. Wagener, J. Dixon, C. Laatu, J. Carter, B. Laux, J. Bahm, M. Palmer, C. Harvey, E. Koehl, B. Kier, S. Sprague, N. Clarke, J. Messmer.

Dorothy W. Walk
Adviser

quill and scroll honors literary achievement

Quill and Scroll, one of the two honoraries in Avalon, has selected six seniors as being outstanding in the literary field.

Jane Carter as editor of the *Annual* and reporter for the *Travalon* should be overly pleased at her dual positions, and Valdimar Sandberg, business manager of *Travalon*, and also literary assistant on *Annual* staff should be equally proud.

Jack McPherson, literary editor of *Annual* and a feature writer for the *Travalon* had both serious and humorous angles reflected in his writings.

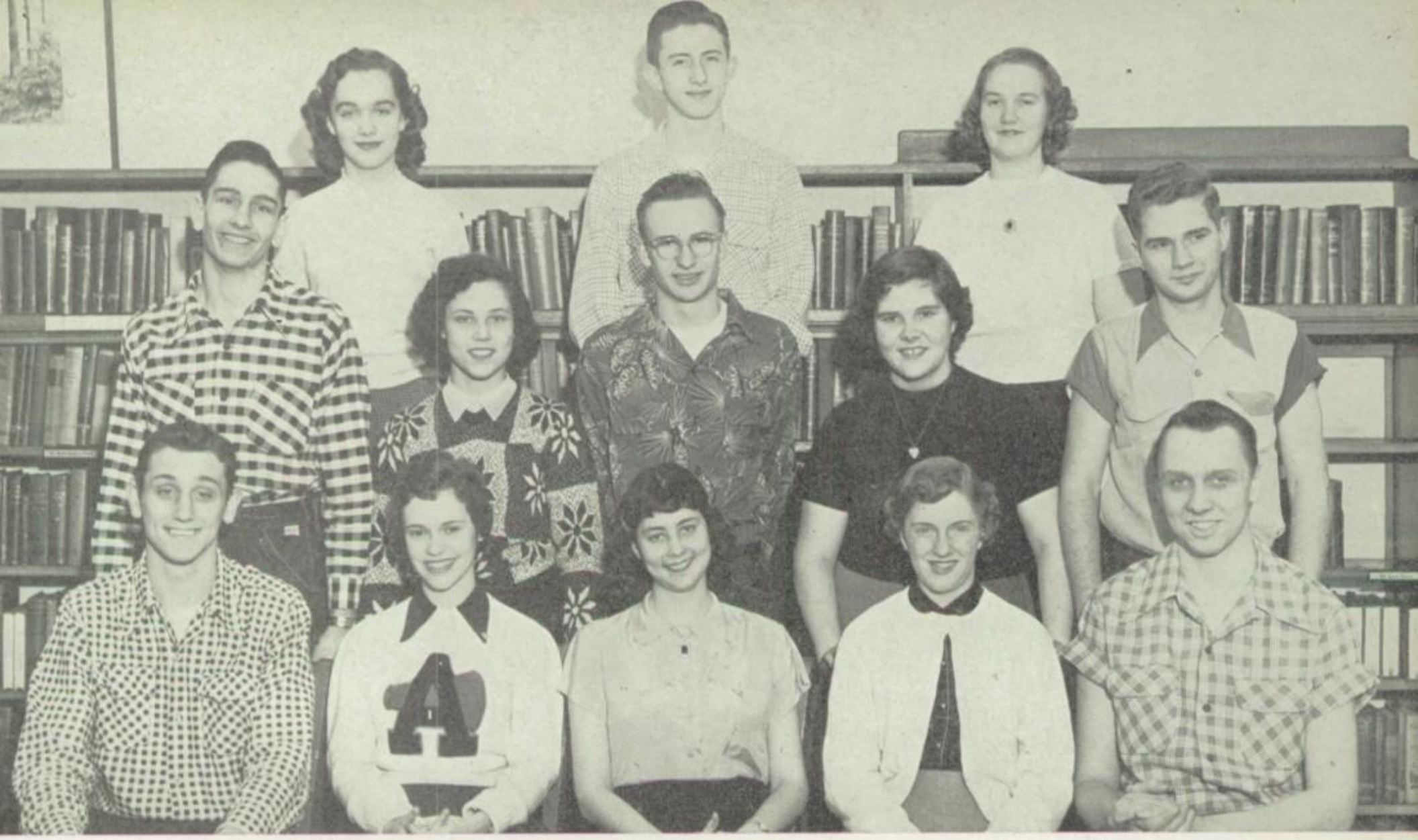
Knuckling down to the job of business manager of the yearbook was Don Tobin. Again, as in most sales jobs, the necessary pleasing personality was present.

A small man for a big job of sports editor of the *Travalon*, Leo Burgert gave the student body a vivid recount of each athletic event.

Larry Gray upheld the offices of both editor and feature editor on the *Travalon* and wrote articles that expressed many varied ideas.

All in all, the literary talent exemplified by these six seniors prove again that Avalon students have talent in every field.

Left to right: L. Gray, J. Carter, V. Sandberg, J. McPherson, L. Burgert, D. Tobin.



First row: R. Mayer, J. Betcher, B. Kaiser, J. Carter, V. Sandberg. *Second row:* R. Mesloh, N. Vaughan, R. Thomson, G. Pauley, L. Gray. *Third row:* C. Harvey, C. Craig, K. Wagner.

national honor society

In its second year of existence at Avalon High, the National Honor Society received ten senior members and three junior pledges. The honor given a member of this society is nationally recognized as there are over 3000 such clubs throughout the United States. Those elected from the Class of 1952 were Jane Betcher, Jane Carter, Larry Gray, Brenda Kaiser, Roger Thomson, Nancy Vaughan, Valdimar Sandberg, Raymond Mesloh, Ronald Mayer, Grace Pauley, Shirley Sprague, and Diane Mawhinney. The three nominated from the Class of 1953 were Cynthia Harvey, Kitty Lou Wagener, and Charles Craig.

To become a member of this organization one must possess the four qualities which are considered most important by the society: character, scholarship, leadership, and service. In regard to scholarship, one must be in the upper fourth of his class.

It is interesting to note that the senior group contains two cheerleaders, one basketball player, three class and students council officers. *Annual* editor, business manager and editor of the *Travalon*, and G. A. A. President. Leadership is certainly portrayed in this group who will represent their class and their school in a world which needs leaders.

dramatics

"WHAT A LIFE"

In their junior year the class presented a Henry Aldrich comedy, *"What a Life."* Henry, played by Bob Beran, couldn't seem to keep out of trouble. He was accused by the principal, Val Sandberg, of talking in class, drawing pictures of the principal, cheating on a history test, and stealing the band instruments. To put the finishing touches on his woes, Henry fell in love with Barbara Pearson, portrayed by Jane Betcher.

If young love wasn't sufficient for the audience, the faculty provided a mature romance. Mr. Nelson, Jack McPherson, fell in love with the school secretary, played by Jane Carter. Of course, each girl got her man.

"FATHER OF THE BRIDE"

In their senior year the class of 1952 produced another masterpiece, *"Father of the Bride"*. Chuck Sullivan in the title role, thought his daughter Kay, Jane Betcher, not nearly old enough to fall in love. "Pops", however, conceded to wedding plans under pressure from Mrs. Banks, Jane Carter. Bob Beran as Buckley, the groom, is rather overlooked amid the turmoil of the wedding but emerges as the lucky husband of a bride who surely "knocks 'em dead!"

Top, left to right: J. Carter, J. McPherson, J. Betcher, C. Sullivan.

Middle, left to right: C. Sullivan, B. Beran, J. Betcher, J. Carter.

Bottom, left to right: R. Mesloh, V. Sandberg.

Lower left, left to right: Miss Roscoe, Mrs. Gollmar.

HOWARD RYSER
Director

chorus

practice makes perfect

"Practice Makes Perfect" was the motto of the chorus as they strove to reach new heights in singing. Monday nights became known as "chorus nights" and fair or foul weather always found a large attendance at rehearsals. Everyone agreed that the result of this hard practice was well worth the effort. Mr. Howard E. Ryser deserves much credit for his contribution as director of the chorus.

Eugene Sullivan was elected by an overwhelming majority to serve as president for the second straight year. He was efficiently assisted by Paul Thompson, vice-president; Eileen Zdinak, secretary-treasurer and Don Sullivan, student council representative.

A delightful program of Christmas music was presented at the chorus concert on December 13. In addition to singing at these concerts, the chorus performed for various civic clubs and churches in the community and took part in the North Borough's combined chorus.

As another year drew to a close, the members of the chorus looked back on it as one packed full of outstanding performances and had the satisfaction of knowing that theirs was a job well done.

First row, left to right: J. Glover, S. Fisher, H. Geyer, N. Clarke, B. Keir, A. Somerhalder, J. Betcher, C. Laatu, P. Burkholder, E. Zdinak, A. Parker, J. Reel, S. McPherson, L. Jones, J. Reel. *Second row:* K. Wagner, R. Seelhorst, C. Roche, C. Harvey, J. Carter, S. Lawton, J. Nicklas, A. Hay, D. Smith, E. Nabors, J. Dixon, M. Rupert, B. MacGregor. *Third row:* F. Schoeppner, C. Kaercher, A. Nash, S. Sprague, J. Redshaw, E. McSorley, S. Ford, J. Miller. *Fourth row:* D. Sullivan, P. Thompson, J. Gatchell, B. Beran, W. Fitzpatrick, K. Haring, J. Wolff, H. Craig. *Fifth row:* J. McPherson, V. Sandberg, C. Sullivan, C. Craig.

First row: M. Rupert, E. Zdinak, S. Fisher, N. Newlin, S. Sprague, J. Carter, J. Nicklas, A. Hay, J. Reel. *Second row:* P. Thompson, D. Sullivan, R. Beran, V. Sandberg, E. Sullivan, C. Craig, R. Herring, J. Miller.

double octette

chooses "hi neighbor" as theme song

Ever do a square dance? . . . . By gum! Ever do a square dance? . . . . Hey chum! You didn't have to be a farmer to appreciate the double octette's rendition of "Country Style." With stamping feet and clapping hands the double octette made this tune a major production.

The members of the soprano section of this talented organization were Alice Hay, Jean Reel, Jane Carter, and Janalene Nicklas. Blending well with them were Sally Fisher, Nancy Newlin, Adell Parker, and Eileen Zdinak, the altos. Tenors included Bob Beran, Paul Thompson, Dick Haring, and Don Sullivan who successfully learned their complicated part. Rounding out the male section of the double octette were basses Val Sandberg, Chuck Sullivan, Chuck Craig, and Joe Miller. The group was directed by Howard Ryser and accompanied by Shirley Sprague.

This ensemble gave fine performances for the parents of children attending the North Borough's Weekday School of Religious Education, the Avalon Woman's Club, and in chapel and assemble programs. Their outstanding accomplishment was the Christmas program presented at Juvenile Court for the underprivileged children of Pittsburgh.

This year's double octette truly set a precedent when it came to fine musicianship and excellent performance.

HOWARD RYSER
Director

the band

march on down the field

A blaring fanfare, a clash of cymbals, and the formation "Hi" opened the 1951-52 concert and marching season of the Avalon High School Band.

Under the direction of Mr. Howard E. Ryser, this year's band has become the second largest in the history of the school. In 1941 the band numbered 54. This year the band was composed of 53 students.

The band was strengthened by the addition of new instruments purchased with the proceeds from Avalon's "Hi, Neighbor" 75th Anniversary in the summer of 1951.

The band was much in demand during the '51 marching season. Among their performances were participations in Hallow'een, Armistice Day, and Memorial Day parades. In all their activities, they proved able representatives of Avalon High School.

During the half-time respite at the A. H. S. football games, the band demonstrated their versatility and agility in many different formations. Among the most memorable was their perfectly syncronated moving "A", and the intricate hour glass, keystone, anchor, jet plane, and, in recognition of our opponents, the letter of the rival school. All of these formations won enthusiastic audience response.

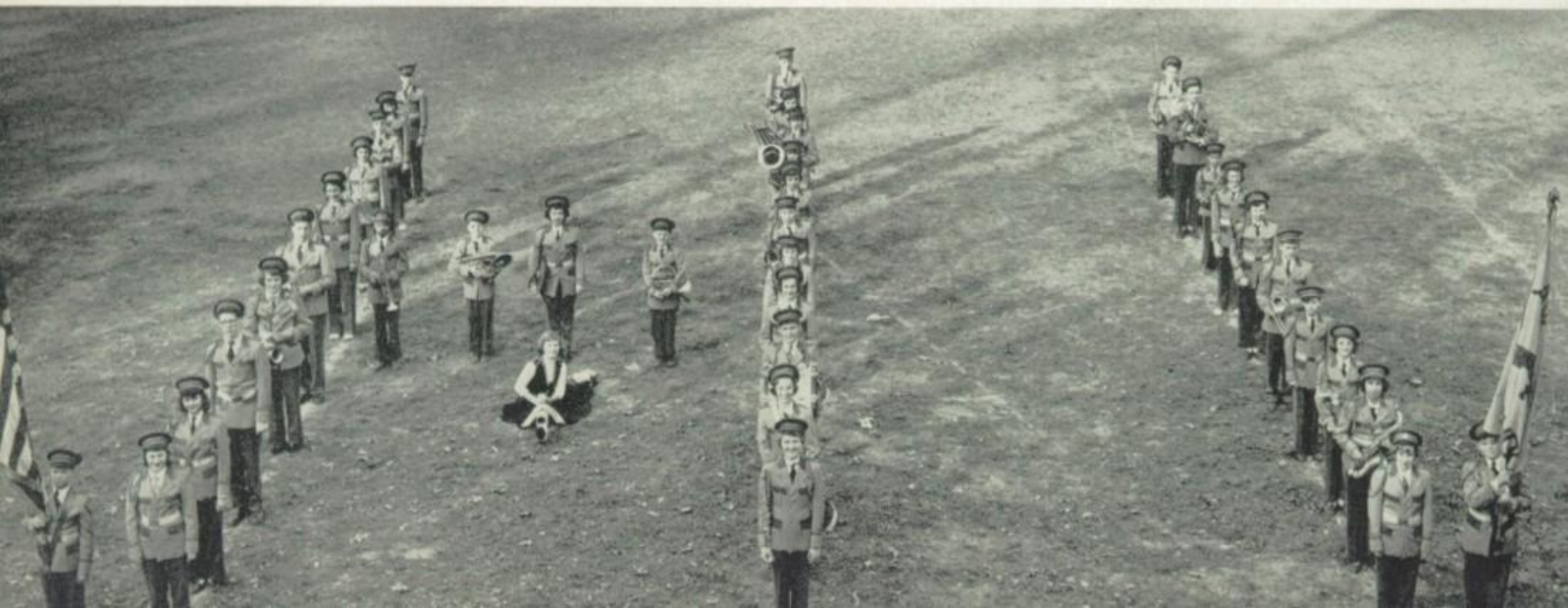
The band's performance in athletic contests was not finished with the last football game. The A. H. S. band accompanied the champion Avalon basketball team to the W. P. I. A. L. playoffs where they thrilled spectators with their rousing music.

Avalon High's many pep assemblies were much enriched by the performance of the band.

April 3rd was the date of the Band and Chorus Spring Concert.In their half of the program, the band presented variety of music which had never before been presented to an Avalon audience. Among their selections were the *Poet and Peasant Overture, Lady of Spain, The Syncopated Clock, Dancing Tambourine,* a medley of Rodgers and Hart favorites, and several familiar marches. The program was well received by the audience.

Another side-line of the band was its six-member Dixieland Band. This organization played for several assemblies, the G. A. A. carnival and proved to be ever popular with A. H. S. audiences.

The high stepping, flashing Avalon Band was truly a great asset to its school and community. The 51-52 band has been hailed one of the best in the history of the school. Whether marching in a parade, on the gridiron or performing at assemblies, the band of the blue and gold truly exemplified neighborliness—Avalon High School style.



majorettes

our "hi" steppers

Left to right: J. Reel, W. Stevenson, B. Keir, A. Somerhalder, J. Messmer, A. Nash, E. Koehl, S. Brendle.

Stopping off at the next door neighbors, we find a group of six girls hard at work with their batons. Who are they? Why, our A. H. S. majorettes, of course. What are they practicing for? Why for the next football game.

Though scarcely bigger than her baton, Jean Reel headed this group. This was no new job to Jean, for she headed the majorettes last year, too. Her able assistants were seniors Shirley Brendle, Alice Ann Nash, and Ann Somerhalder; sophomores Joan Messmer, Barbara Keir and Eileen Koehl. The mascot for this year was Willa Stevenson.

Through much practice, the girls perfected their marching and also added some tricky routines to use while parading. To these lovely ladies we give much gratitude for their hard work during the school year of '51 and '52.

N. Newlin S. Brendle

Wm. E. Kofmehl
Adviser

Fred. B. McCormick
Adviser

First row, left to right: R. Bruckman, C. Thomson, L. Burgert. *Second row:* T. O'Brien, N. Buck, T. Hersch, J. Wolff, R. Fraumann. *Third row:* H. Woodburn, D. Montgomery, L. Gray. *Fourth row:* D. Stewart, R. Mesloh, J. Woodburn.

stage crew

The boys behind the scenes of all A. H. S. productions were Mr. William C. Kofmehl's stage crew. Always ready to lend a helping hand to any aspiring thespian, their friendliness and neighborliness were invaluable to all concerned. The group was composed of eight boys. They were junior Dave Montgomery, sophomore Craig Thomson, Tom O'Brien, a freshman, and John Hathaway, Harvey Cushman, Reed Ellis, Arthur Blackburn, and Billy Schuster. Behind the scenes of all entertainments, they were very much a part of high school life.

Although most students were unaware of the fact, there were no movies, no dances, no class room films without the friendly cooperation of the projection crew. These boys, under the leadership of Mr. Fred B. McCormick, performed their duties so capably and smoothly that the weekly guidance films, the many basketball and football dances, as well as other social and educational events requiring their services went off without a hitch. Seniors Larry Gray and Chuck Sullivan, juniors Norm Buck and Ted Hirch, and sophomores John Wolff and Robert Fraumann composed the projection crew.

Both these groups rendered Avalon High invaluable aid and always with friendliness and cooperation paramount.

JANICE WEIGEL
Adviser

y-teens

moulds fine character

The spirit of neighborliness was never better exemplified than by the Avalon Y-Teens.

Under the capable leadership of Jane Betcher, the club forged a never ending chain of good deeds and good fun. Chosen to assist Jane in her administrative capacity were Jo Anne Dixon, vice-president, secretary, Eileen Zdinak, and treasurer, Margie Rupert.

The year began with the ever-inspiring candlelight installation of the new sophomore members. They were welcomed to "Y" Teens by the president and after a brief ceremony signed their names in the registration book. Each girl received one red rose to signify membership and the meeting was closed by the "Y" Teens song.

The program committee presented many interesting speakers on such topics of interest as clothes, good grooming, and personality. A camping trip to Camp Carondawanda was planned, and the club looked forward to sponsoring the Senior Farewell. The girls also found time for many charitable works. Excursions with Miss Janice Weigel, their sponsor, to the downtown Y. W. C. A. for sports and other interesting activities highlighted many weekends.

The Avalon Y-Teens, always an energetic group, again showed their true worth in 1952.

First row, left to right: J. Dixon, M. Palmer, M. Rupert, J. Seelhorst, E. Koehl, J. Betcher, J. Redshaw, E. Zdinak, S. Lawton. *Second row:* S. Brendle, E. McSorley, S. McPherson, E. Nabors, V. Huston, J. Reel, P. Newell, C. Laatu, L. Schumann. *Third row:* M. Waldron, B. MacGregor, C. Tredway, L. Jones, A. Somerhalder, A. Parker, B. Laux, M. Kimmich, R. Seelhorst, H. Fitzsimmons, E. Bowman.

Mary Emma Keiser
Adviser

pen and key

make friendly secretaries

Dances and interesting club meetings filled the year for commercial students in Pen and Key. With the assistance of Mrs. Mary Emma Keiser, club members worked faithfully to carry out their individual duties which, when combined, produced splendid results.

President Nancy Newlin assisted by Jean Reel, vice-president; Charlotte Roche, secretary; and Mary Lou Casey, treasurer; guided the club capably throughout the year.

The club held Parents' Night at the Neville game at which time parents of the football team were honored. The really big event of the year was the Christmas formal presented on December 22 in the gym. Everyone attending the dance agreed that the members had outdone themselves when it came to the decorations, food, and music for the occasion.

After each home basketball game on Fridays, Pen and Key held a P. A. dance in the gym. The attendance was always large and the club deserves a great deal of praise for making these dances possible.

With much reluctance the members watched the year draw to a close and vowed that they would again strive to achieve the success that was theirs this year.

Standing, left to right: M. Rupert, S. Lawton, N. Vaughan, W. Huffmyer, E. Karhut, C. Roche, D. Smith, A. Hay. F. Monda, A. McBride, E. Zdinak, J. Reel, N. Newlin, S. Brendle, M. Palmer, D. Wright. *First row, seated:* G. Adams, M. Bailey, E. Bowman, H. Geier, L. Reiner, H. Norman, J. Platt, B. Laux, C. Stringert, P. Burkholder. *Second row:* M. Pemberton, A. Nash, D. McBride, L. Schumann, J. Dixon, A. Parker, A. Somerhalder, M. Moakley, M. Staudenmaier, C. Kaercher. *Third row:* M. Kimmich, R. Seelhorst, N. Clarke, E. Nabors, J. Redshaw, E. McSorley, J. Seelhorst, L. Jones, H. Fitzsimmons.

First row, first picture: N. Newlin, J. Potts, M. Rupert. Second picture: A. Somerholder, N. Vaughan, D. Wright, D. Mawhinney. Third picture: S. Lawton, J. Betcher, J. Carter.

Second row, first picture: A. Parker, Miss Carden, K. Smith. Second picture: C. Thomson, C. Tredway, J. Messmer, J. Gerber. Third picture: J. Reel, E. Bowman, Miss Miller.

Third row, first picture: M. Casey, A. Nash, J. Glover, S. Fisher. Second picture, *back row*: B. Mariner, H. Woodburn. *First row*: J. Gatchell, J. Bahm. Third picture: E. Zdinak, F. Monda, M. Kimmich.

friendly fun

junior

Left to right: B. Kane, P. Parker, M. Montgomery, L. Caddick, S. Meadowcroft, E. Gormley.

cheerleaders

Front: M. Sipe, S. Schmidt, V. Askey, H. McGinnis. *Kneeling:* P. Stevenson, C. Pinkerton, J. Scott, J. Waldron, C. Wirth, D. Scidel, M. Killen, B. Custer, N. Wirth, F. Stellfox. *Back row:* B. Hastings, J. Ritter, M. Neodstup, J. Eberhardt, V. Askey, S. Hall, D. Schleiden, M. Hull, D. Williams.

dramatics

First row, left to right: S. Rialla, C. Pinkerton, P. Stevenson, J. Scott, A. Haley, S. Hall. *Second row:* M. Wills, A Ledergerber, M. Sipe, H. McGinnis, S. Fitzsimmons, V. Askey, M. Killen, B. Arnold, R. Simendinger, N. Nedostup. *Third row:* M. Speakman, E. Gormley, B. Kane, S. Meadowcroft, J. Ritter, M. Simphiss, T. Stellfox, S. Schmidt, B. Custer, B. Hastings, N. Wirth.

F. H. A.

Left to right: T. Barr, M. Thompson, A. Klein, T. Hillberg, M. Francis, R. Yingling, W. Marshall, J. McPherson, D. Park, S. Harvey, J. Redshaw, P. Cowley.

hobby club

high clubs . . . .

Seated, left to right: J. Eberhardt, M. Sipe, V. Askey, J. Waldron, S. Rialla, H. McGinnis, B. Kane, S. Meadowcroft, C. Kline. *Standing* left to right: S. Schmidt, C. Pinkerton, D. Seidel, M. Hull, B. Badger, L. Caddick, M. Simpkiss.

TRAVALONETTE

Because of their willingness to work and their outstanding ability, our future neighbors in junior high gained well-deserved praise and respect from the upperclassmen.

Resplendent in new costumes, the junior high cheerleaders, Elizabeth Gormley, Sue Meadowcroft, Barbara Kane, Peggy Parker, and Mary Ann Montgomery, under the leadership of head cheerleader Lynne Caddick and supervisor Miss Meily, added bright spots to the successful seasons of the junior varsity team.

The Travalonette, under the direction of co-editors Betsy Badger and Sue Meadowcroft, provided the high school paper with a full page of snappy write-ups, unusual tales, and sound editorials. Miss Price did a commendable job in keeping the Travalonette in high popularity rating.

With Hazel McGinnis presiding, the Drama Club refined the talents of our leading actresses and presented "Why the Chimes Rang" as a Christmas program for the whole school.

The Hobby Club, under the leadership of the new shop director, Mr. Kofmehl, provided a chance for the junior high boys to release their energy on a worthwhile project, and president Mark Thompson's cohorts showed fine workmanship.

An exceptionally large home economics club, with Elizabeth Gormley as president and Miss Jones as adviser, was the educational unit for our future homemakers.

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ATHLETICS

the 1951

D. L. Parker
Coach

H. A. Dennison
Assistant Coach

J. J. Wertacnik
Junior High Coach

"Undefeated, undisputed-class of '52 can do" was the motto Coach Lavy Parker gave his squad this year.

Mr. Parker had seventeen seniors from which to mould his championship team. Hold-overs from last year's championship squad were Captain Don Baird, Chuck Sullivan, Don Tobin, Ronnie Mayer, Bob Beran, and Jim Wuenschel. Of the eleven members of the squad only two juniors, Lenny Woods and Bob Toward, were able to break into the starting line up. Others who contributed heavily to success were Jim Irwin, Ray Sorg, and Sam Ford who had the misfortunate of breaking his leg. Underclassmen on the team were Kerry Smith and Jack Wuenschel.

Avalon opened its undefeated season with Neville by celebrating "Parents Night." Avalon's first tally came when Bob Toward scored on an off tackle play. Next, Bob

Season's Scores

Avalon	19	Neville	6
Avalon	12	Trafford	0
Avalon	27	Rob Twp.	0
Avalon	14	Bellevue	0
Avalon	18	Avonworth	0
Avalon	12	Leetsdale	0
Avalon	0	Sewickley	0
Avalon	14	Millvale	7

Left to right: H. Craig, J. Schlarman, E. Barney, W. Toward.

football season

Beran took a hand-off and scored with Tobin making the extra point. Later in the third period Mayer scored on a quarterback sneak. Avalon went on to win 19-6.

In the Trafford game, Sammy Ford picked up a fumble and ran 35 yards for a touchdown. The teams battled on even terms for the next two quarters but a Mayer-Tobin pass was good and Avalon won 12-0.

Next on Avalon's schedule was Robinson. Avalon made a fast start in this game with Toward and Mayer scoring, but things slowed down and Avalon didn't score until the third period when Kerry Smith cut off tackle for a touchdown. In the last quarter, Howard Sipe picked up a fumble and ran over 80 yards for a score.

Then came the big test, Bellevue, played on Bellevue's home field. In the first quarter Sullivan balled over from four yard line and also kicked the extra point. Both teams were held scoreless in the second quarter and at half-time Avalon led 7-0. In the third period the Panthers drove down to the Bellevue goal and scored via Bob Toward. Sully promptly booted the extra point making the score 14-0. Bellevue threatened only once. It was a well deserved victory for well coached team.

With one rival justly disposed of, Avonworth was next. The Antelopes had a good passer and a nice running attack but Avalon proved too strong. Avalon scored first when a screen pass from Mayer to Toward clicked. A little later in the first period Big Don Tobin scored for A. H. S. The Mayer-Tobin combination again clicked in the opening minutes

undefeated, undisputed!

First row: J. Irwin, R. Sorg, R. Mesloh, R. Beran, E. Sullivan, R. Mayer, D. Baird, D. Tobin, H. Sipe, J. Wuenschal, J. Potts, R. Frenz, R. Toward. *Second row*: D. Hetzler, B. Mariner, J. Hetzler, K. Smith, R. Toward, S. Ford, L. Smith, J. Wuenschal, J. Vogel, R. Jacobs, D. Montgomery. *Third row*: Mr. Parker, D. Sullivan, H. Betcher, W. Fitzpatrick, J. Woodburn, K. Reiger, N. Buck, J. Miller, J. Gerber, J. Gatchell, R. McDonald, Mr. Wertacnik. *Fourth row*: W. Toward, E. Barney, R. Quigley, K. Ritter, G. Schnellbacher, J. Geyer, T. Barnhart, H. Ferguson, R. Montcastle, J. Schlarman, H. Craig.

gridders in action

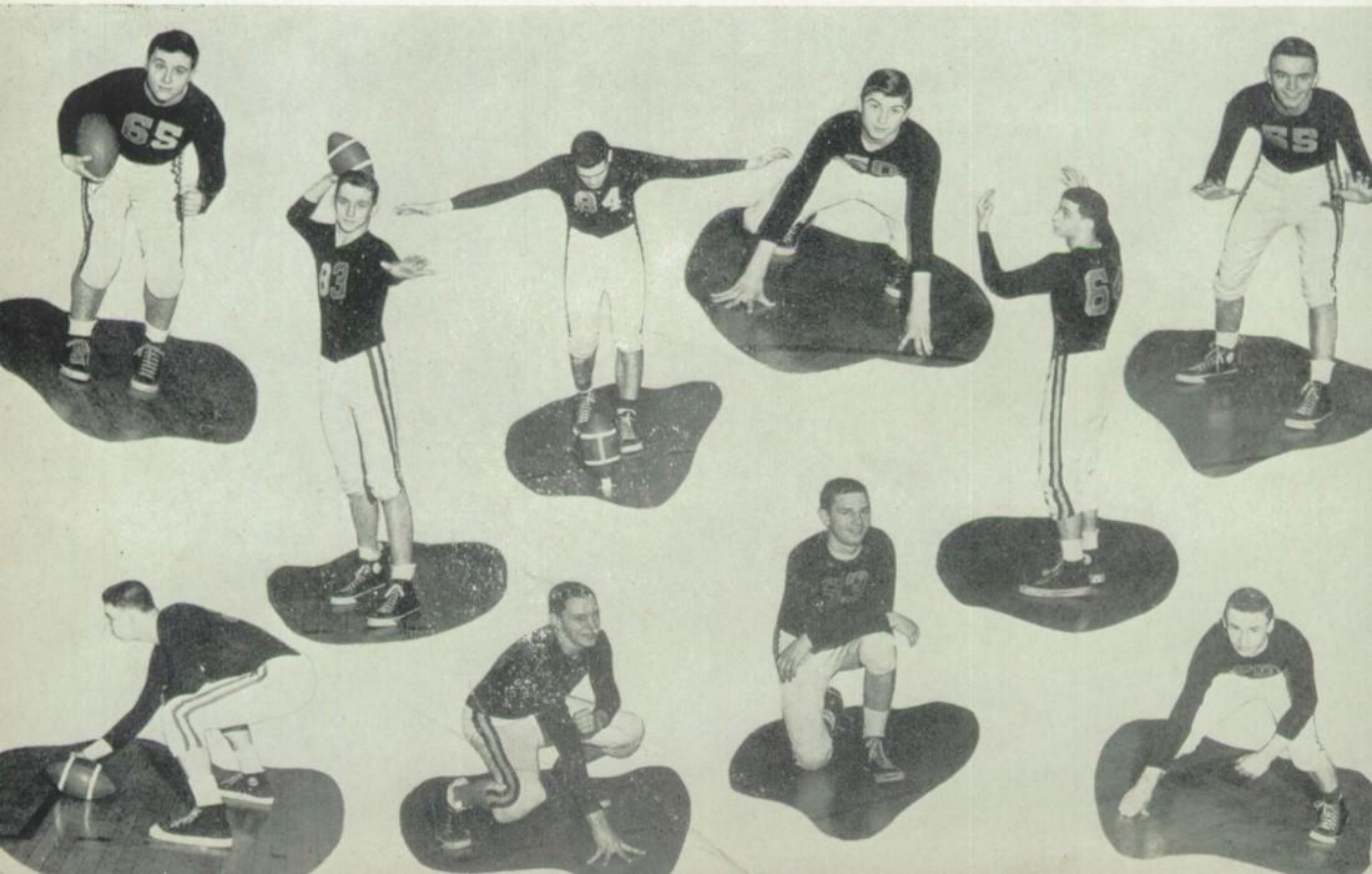
of the second quarter when Mayer found Tobin waiting in the end zone for the final score of the game. Avalon won the game and cinched the North Boro's championship.

In the opening minutes of the Leetsdale game they recovered a fumble on the three yard line and scored. Avalon received the kick-off and on the first play and Ronnie Mayer dashed 67 yards for a touchdown but Avalon trailed 7-6. In the opening minutes of the second period Mayer scored again and Avalon led 12-7. The second half was scoreless and Avalon went on to win the game.

Avalon's Homecoming game was Sewickley and the teams met in a wet snow, slippery game which found neither team scoring. Other than one drive by Sewickley the fans didn't have anything to shout about.

The final game of the season, against Millvale. Millvale got a touchdown in the second and the score was 7-0 at half time. The second half found a different Panther team. In the fourth quarter Tobin scored, Sully booted the extra point, and the score was 7-7. A few minutes later Mayer gathered in a punt, picked up two nice blocks by Tobin, and scampered the distance. Avalon won the finale 14-7.

Lavy Parker finished up his career as a coach with a great team and a fine record. 7 wins-0 losses and 1 tie. The Avalon fans, especially the seniors, should be proud to say, "Undefeated, undisputed, Class of '52 DID do!"



First row, left to right: S. Ford, C. Sullivan, J. Hetzler, J. Irwin, H. Sipe, D. Tobin. *Second row:* R. Mayer, R. Sorg, R. Frenz. *Third row:* D. Baird, J. Potts, J. Wuenschel, R. Thomson, R. Beran, R. Mesloh.

HARRY DENNISON
Coach

state champs

basketball

Still stinging from last year's defeat at the hands of Kutztown, the Panthers vowed that they would go "all the way" this year and that they did. They fought and clawed their way through twenty-nine contests without a defeat.

Coach Harry Dennison selected Ronnie Mayer and Donnie Tobin as co-captains. With Mayer and Tobin were Eugene Sullivan, Rich Frenz, and Bobby Toward. Rich Kochenbach, Howard Sipe, Roger Thomson, Jack Woodburn, Jack Wuenschel, Jim Irwin, Jerry Hetzler and John Gatchell made up the rest of the roster. Bob Beran, Don Baird, Norm Buck, and Donnie Sullivan were managers.

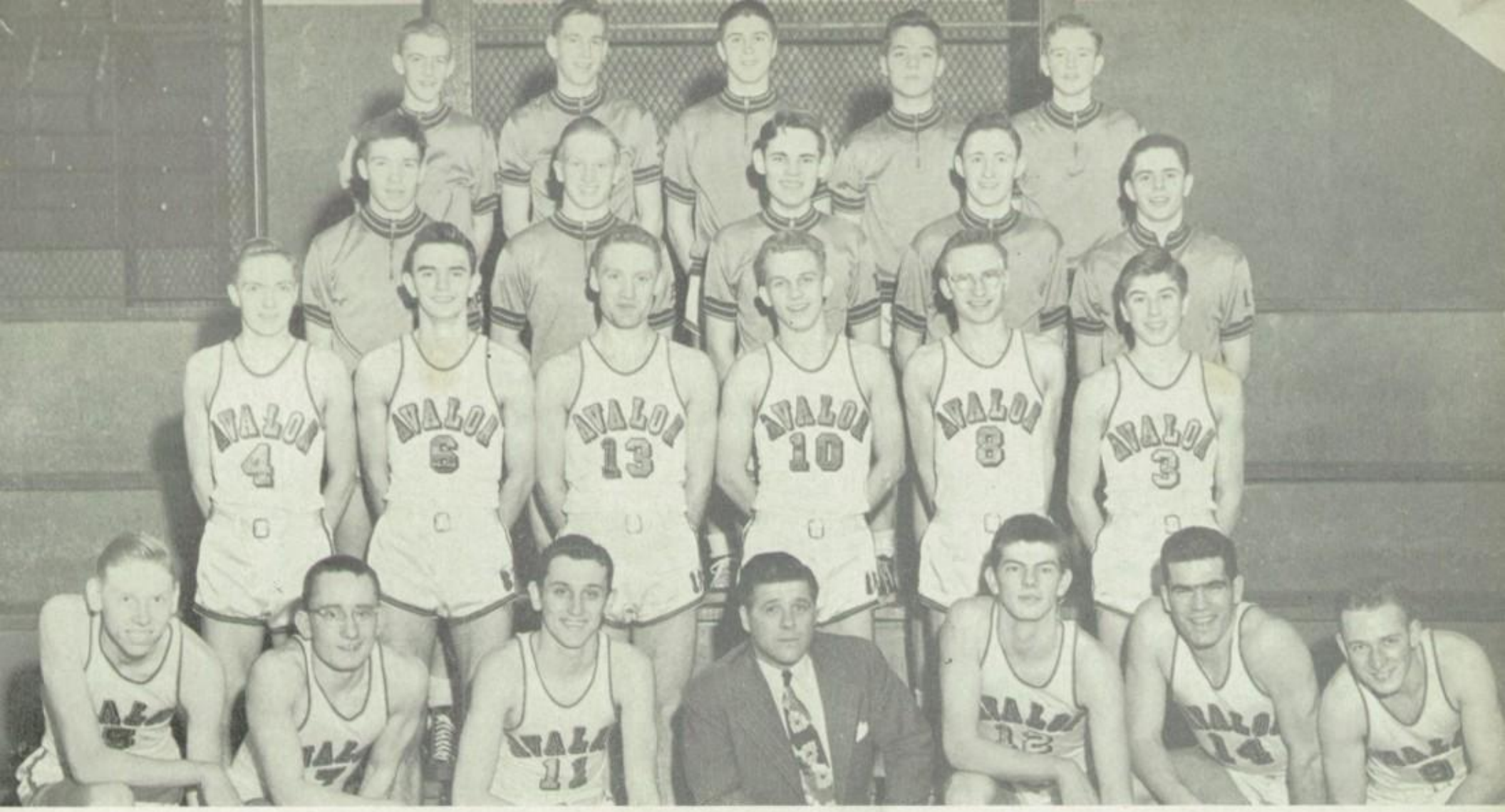
First to fall before the onrushing Panthers was North Braddock. It was no contest as Avalon walked off the floor, winner, 75-45. Mt. Lebanon, the "old jinx," was dropped by the score of 58-40. Then came the most thrilling game of the year, Bethel. A sudden death overtime decided the winner; Avalon came through, 47-46. Avalon next belted Baldwin 70-39, and went on to meet Bethel in another thriller, 52-50. Avalon clawed their way past New Brighton, Verona, and East McKeesport to take the next three games.

Leetsdale, the first league team to be played, proved to be an easy mark and Avalon won 70-36. Robinson, with bigger men, was dropped by a margin of 102-39, as reserves played most of the half. Moon was disposed of just as all the rest, 73-32. Avonworth put up a great battle, but Avalon hung on for a 70-62 win and Sewickley and Neville were passed by with as much ease as the rest.

Next on the list was Bellevue and the Panthers, sparked by Don Tobin's 32 points, smothered them, 85-52.

Mayer and Tobin paced Avalon through the next three games as Leetsdale, Robinson, and Moon provided no test for the "jungle cats." In the return game with Avonworth, the Panthers again laced them, 82-57. Avalon

Sink it, Don!



First row: R. Kochenbach, R. Toward, R. Mayer, Mr. Dennison, D. Tobin, E. Sullivan, R. Frenz. *Second row:* J. Woodburn, J. Irwin, B. Beran, H. Sipe, R. Thomson, J. Hetzler. *Third row:* D. Montgomery, K. Smith ,T. O'Brien, W. Fitzpatrick, B. Mariner. *Fourth row:* E. Barney, J. Wuenschel, D. Hetzler, J. Gerber, J. Gatchell.

journeyed down the river to Sewickley and handed the Indians a 71-24 drubbing. Neville invaded the Panther home court and led by Ronnie Mayer's record breaking 41 points, Avalon rolled over the Islanders 91-48. Avalon climaxed their regular season with a 68-54 win over Bellevue.

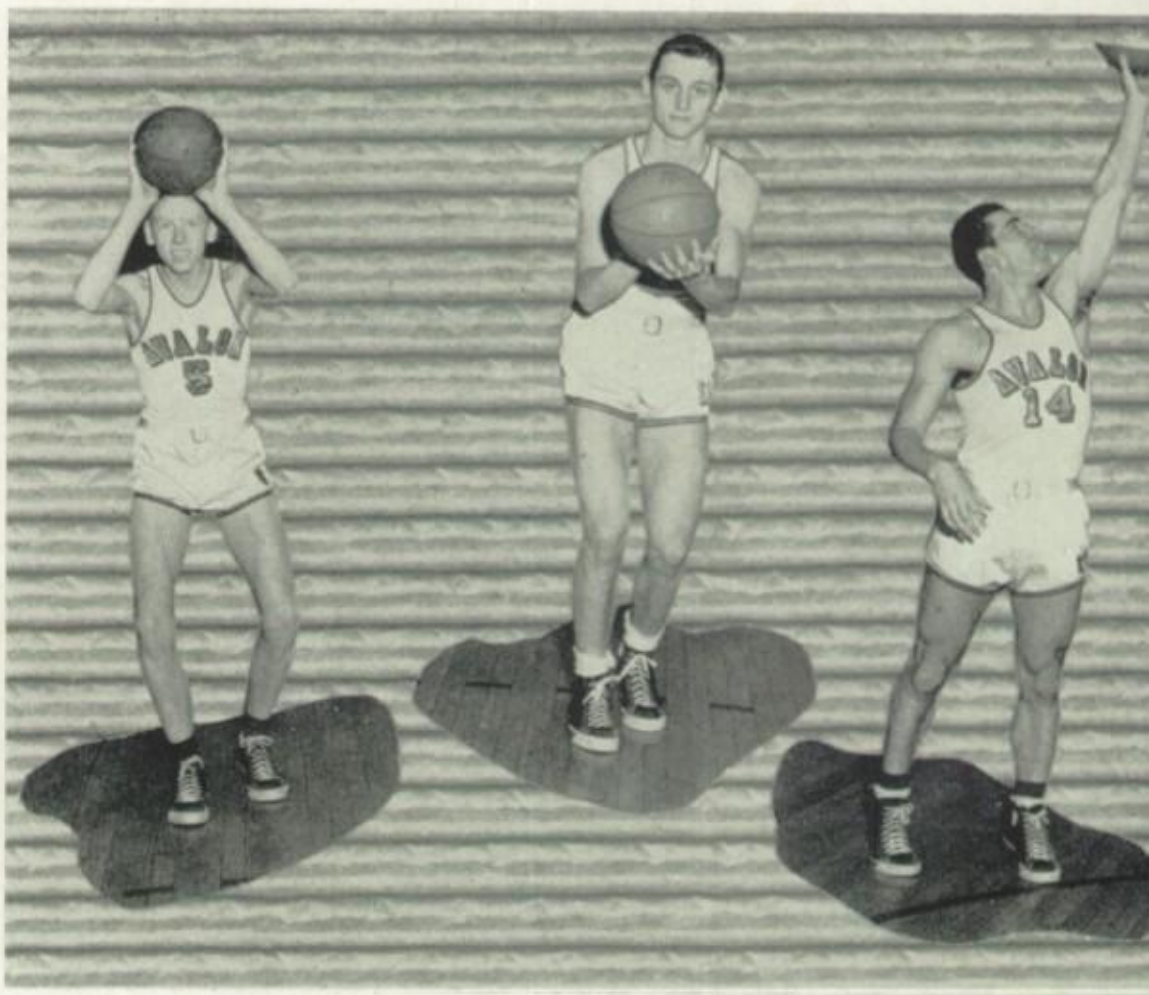
After drawing a bye in the first round of the W. P. I. A. L. playoffs, Avalon beat a smaller Chartiers five by a score of 75-41. Next came the greatest test of the year, Wampum. At the end of the first half, Avalon trailed by ten points. Then at the beginning of the third quarter, Avalon began to hit. Led by Tobin and Mayer, Avalon put on a great rally to win 60-50. Avalon met Arnold in the W. P. I. A. L. final and won, 54-36.

In the first two P. I. A. A. play-offs Avalon beat Gallitzin 64-26 and Shade Township 65-29 with the whole squad participating in both contests.

Avalon met Slippery Rock for the Western Pennsylvania Regional finals and led by Ronnie Mayer's 28 pts., Avalon romped over

First row, left to right: J. Geier, B. Long, C. Klein, B. Marengo, N. Ferguson, G. Bahm, H. Johnson. *Second row:* R. Ellis, S. Kimball, W. Thomson, R. McDonald, K. Ritter, D. Bruckman, G. Schnellbacher, J. Moore, Mr. Edwards.

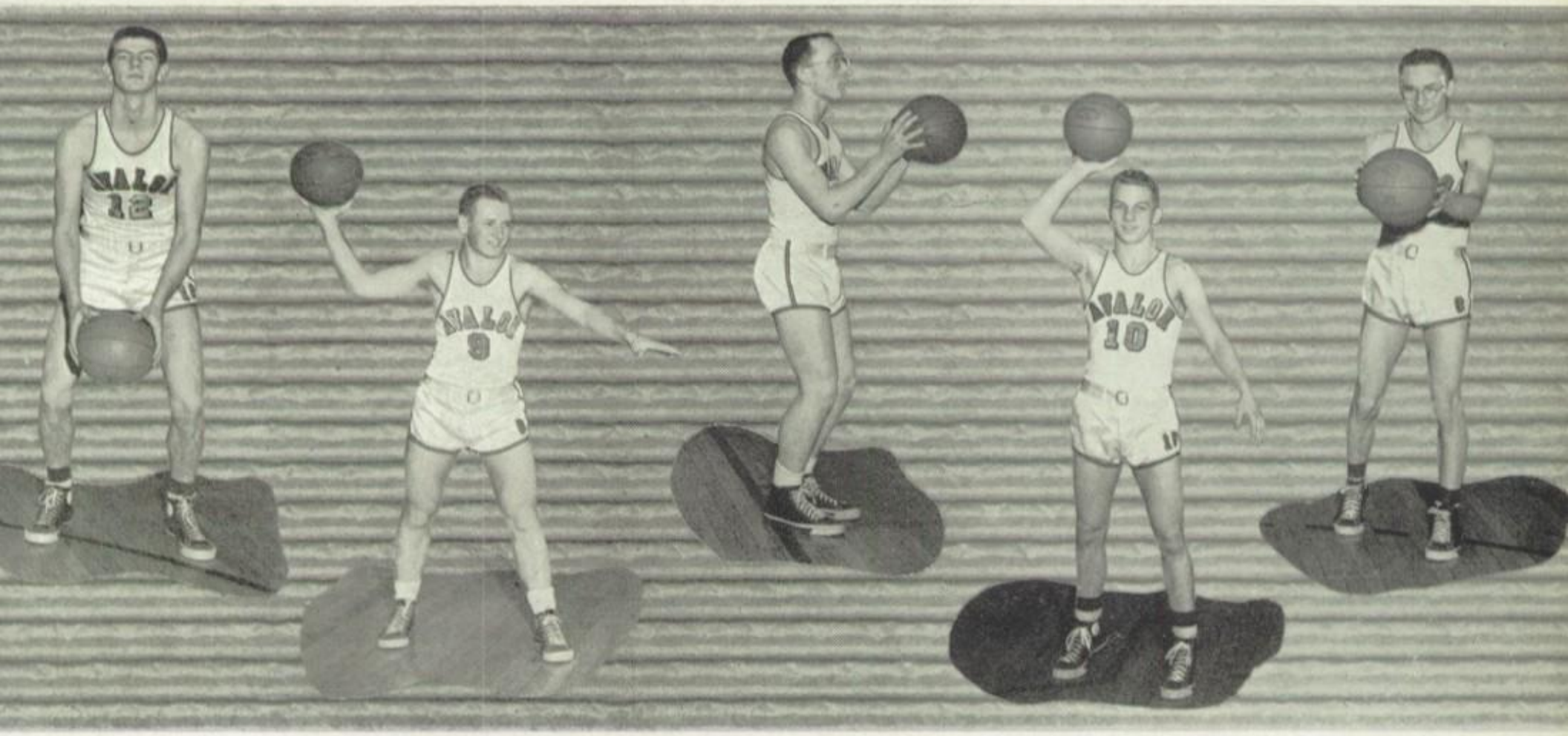
basketeers
in action



all the way . . . .

Bobby steals one again

"Ich" scores two for Avalon



Left to right: R. Kockenboch, R. Mayer, C. Sullivan, D. Tobin, R. Frenz, R. Toward, H. Sipe, R. Thomson.

Slippery Rock, 69-30.

Then Avalon and the entire town journeyed out to Allentown for the state final. Once again—Panthers *vs.* Cougars! The game was nip and tuck the whole way and with only about 10 seconds remaining, Kutztown's Wuchter sank a fielder to tie the game up at 60-60. In the 3 minute overtime period, Don Tobin sunk a basket and a foul shot. Jack Wuenschel dropped in a foul shot and Avalon led by 4 points. Then with less than 15 seconds remaining, Pete Barto made two foul shots and Avalon "froze" the ball until the end of the game. Don Tobin's 24 points led Avalon to the victory, with the whole ball club playing their hearts out.

The spirit, drive, and fight of the boys who played in the 1952 season will be a topic of conversation wherever the townspeople gather, and it will be many, many years before Avalon produces a team with the style and sportsmanship which have made the 1952 Panthers the Champions that they are.

MANAGERS

D. Sullivan, D. Baird, N. Buck

girls'

fight on . . . .

Left row: D. Mawhinney, M. Palmer, P. Forsythe, M. Rupert. *Right row:* A. Somerhalder, D. Russell, C. Roche, E. Bowman.

Hockey

No sooner had school begun than from the neighbor's back yard came the sound of clashing hockey sticks.

Copping first place in the class tournament were the victorious seniors. The juniors placed no team on the field. Second place went to the hard-fighting sophomores, who lost only to the seniors, and the freshmen, though having fought with a great spirit, came out in last place. The captains were as follows: seniors, Shirley Sprague; sophomores, Barb Parker; and freshmen, Kitty Burgert. There were many outstanding players on the teams, and all showed true sportsmanship and a spirit to win.

Volleyball

With a neat serve over the newly stretched net, volleyball was off to another successful season.

The girls were divided into five color teams: red, black, blue, green and yellow, with the captains being chosen by the manager.

Led by captains Diane Mawhinney and Nancy Vaughan, the red and green teams tied for first place, each showing but one defeat.

A round-robin tournament held between the classes found the S-seniors emerging victorious. Char Stringert's sparkling junior team, had a fine showing of but one defeat. The sophomores, captained by Nancy Clarke, took over third place, having one win. Last, but far from least, were the freshmen.

Basketball

About the second week of January a new sound was heard in the gym: the swish of a basketball through the net. During the three practices, practice rules were reviewed and new skills learned.

Class competition was off to a fast start when the seniors rolled easily over the freshmen with a 36-14 victory and went on to step naturally into first place. The juniors took second place. In third place were the sophomores and last were the freshmen.

Whether winning or losing, the games were enjoyed, and true sportmanship was learned by all.

Softball

"Here's the pause; the pitch; and there it goes!" No sooner had the spring weather arrived than many turned their thoughts to those of softball. Come rain or shine, the games went on.

First place again went to the seniors whose added power gave them a definite advantage. The juniors, succombing only to the senior ten slid into second place. The sophomores pulled through in third place, while in the cellar position were the freshmen.

The last of May found the seniors a little sad as the softball equipment was put away, for they had put it away for the last time.

sports

avalon

Left to right: S. Sprague, D. Russell, P. Forsythe, C. Roche, S. Brendle, R. Seelhorst, A. Hay, A. Somerhalder.

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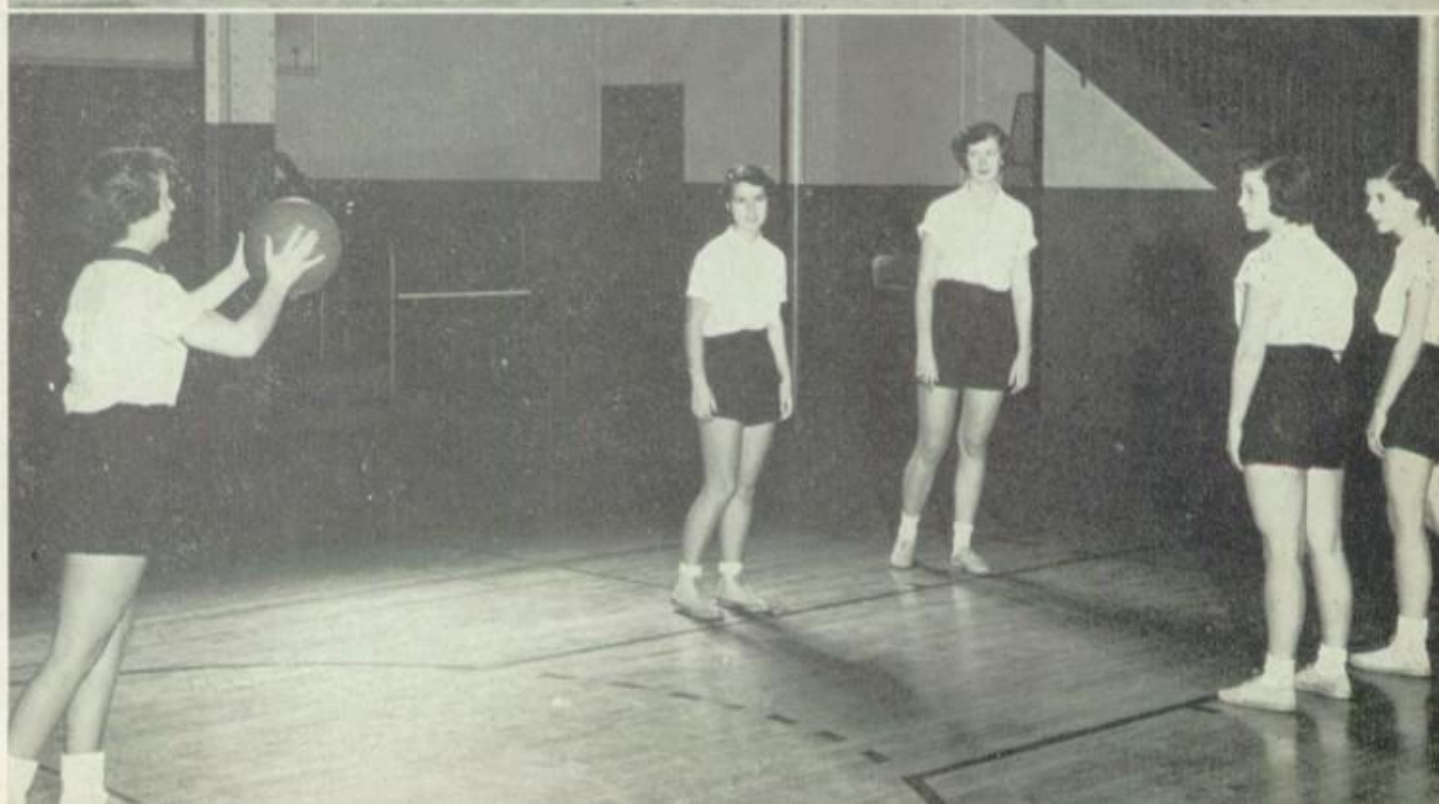

Left to right: E. Zdinak, D. Wright, D. Mawhinney, N. Vaughan, M. Kimmich.

girls athletic

always a-winnin'

MARGARET HUMMEL
Advisor

It didn't take us long to get acquainted with the G. A. A.; with the beginning of the football season the girls headed for the refreshment stand at the end of the field. Come rain or shine, snow or slush, the club fed hot dogs, coffee, pop and candy to the hungry fans. The club was headed by Grace Pauley who was ably assisted by vice-president Shirley Sprague along with Nancy Clarke, secretary; and Barbara Keir, treasurer. In November, G. A. A. brought the carnival to Avalon High. Who will ever forget the House of Terror, the fine entertainment at intermission, or the dance that followed? December brought Alumnae night and the return of the G. A. A. Alumnae of the past ten years. Games such as basketball and volleyball were played with a dinner and singing afterwards. In January the members had a good time bowling at the North Boroughs YMCA. Then with the second semester came the rigorous practices and try-outs for new members to take the places of the graduating seniors who will leave the club with only half of its membership remaining. After successfully passing the required tests, the new members were installed at an impressive candle-light service followed by a delicious spaghetti dinner served by the sophomores. After the dinner, the new officers assumed the positions vacated by the seniors. With the installation of the new officers for the year of '52-'53, we leave the G. A. A. in good hands, and hope for another successful season for this outstanding club.

Left to right: N. Vaughan, J. Messmer, J. Carter.

association

Top left, left to right: B. Keir, N. Clarke, S. Sprague. *Top right,* left to right: J. Nicklas, P. Senk.

Bottom left, left to right: A. Hay, J. Bahm, D. Mawhinney. *Bottom right,* left to right: G. Pauley, Miss Hummell.

athletic awards

SHIRLEY SPRAGUE—Shirley was a towering guard on the basketball team; her height gave her team an added advantage. She was vice-prexy of G. A. A. and took over when Grace was absent. The school will miss her athletic ability next year.

GRACE PAULEY—As president of G. A. A., Grace was a natural for an athletic award. Her ability in volleyball and softball led the class to victories in both those sports and her fighting spirit kept her teams alive, win or lose.

JANALENE NICKLAS—Jan's clever dribbling and passing on the hockey field set up many a goal for her teammates; she also excelled in tumbling. Her good sportsmanship and unselfish team playing were an example for her fellow player to follow.

RONALD MAYER—Ronnie, the co-captain of the basketball team, was easily chosen for an Athletic Award. He set a W. P. I. A. L. record for points scored in one season. Ronnie was chosen on the Pennsylvania All-State team in his Junior and Senior years.

DON TOBIN—Don, the other co-captain of the 1952 basketball team, was also selected without much difficulty. Don was elected to the Pennsylvania All-State team in 1952. He holds Avalon's scoring record for a three-year career.

DON BAIRD—The center and captain of the undefeated football squad, Don was a three-year letterman. This year Don was chosen on the All-W. P. I. A. L. team. He also managed the 1952 basketball team.

Top, left to right: S. Sprague, R. Mayer.

Middle, left to right: D. Tobin, G. Pauley.

Bottom, left to right: J. Nicklas, D. Baird.

First Row: E. Zdinak, J. Betcher. *Second Row:* J. Nicklas, J. Bahm, P. Senk, J. Carter.

yea team!

cheerleaders

"Keep that pep!" And that's exactly what our cheerleaders did. Behind a winning team this year, the girls in blue and white really showed an endless source of energy. The group was headed by veteran Jane Betcher. Janie's capable assistants were Jan Nicklas, Eileen Zdinak, Jane Carter, Janice Bahm, Peggy Senk, and mascot Anita Bahm. The latter three were new to the ranks. Not only did the girls cheer at scheduled football and basketball games, but also in the pep assemblies which were original, well-planned, and enjoyed by students and faculty alike.

boosters

Inter-scholastic sports at Avalon were made a success by this year's ambitious "A" ticket committee. Many hours were spent planning sales campaigns, selecting students to work, and taking tickets at all the games. These girls, under the leadership of Elaine Karhut and Sallie Lawton, did a commendable job. Mr. Gardner, sponsor of the "A" ticket, worked diligently counting up the money for the club.

The committee as a whole deserves much credit for their fine work this year, and for helping the high school and the town become more combined in their interests.

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so long, neighbor . . . .

First row, first picture: J. Wuenschel, H. Betcher, F. Schoeppner, E. Nabors. Second picture: E. Bowman, M. Casey, N. Newlin, E. Zdinak. Third picture: L. Reiner, D. Russell, J. Nicklas, J. Reel.

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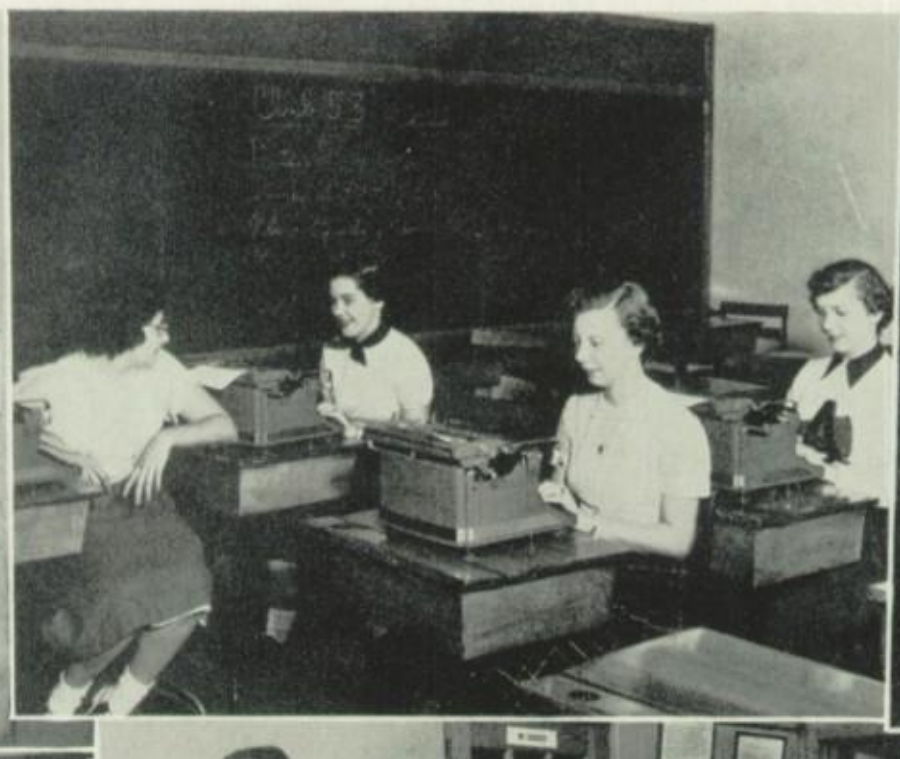

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11—Attention all fellows! If you are over 18 see Mr. Gordon.
12—Yipee! Our very first fire drill of the year.
13—Pretty wet football game but it can't rain for them all.
22—Or can it?
28—It can!
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5—Magazine Campaign begins. Freshman drop from fatigue.
6—First Senior Class Meeting. Have mercy for the sponsors.
7—Pen and Key members please bring your donuts.
8—Magazine fund swells to $264.00.
9—Seniors bring in at least one renewal if possible.
10—Senior high gets busy, two subscriptions sold.
11—We do it again. Too bad, Bellevue.
13—Tobin suggests *Annual* theme. It clicks!
15—Only six more shopping days to buy your *Annual*.
22—Get prepared. *Annual* pictures are being taken.
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4—Senior Play selected, *Father of the Bride*.
5—Please come to play practice on time.
6—Where did you say those Hammerettes were from?
7—Junior Prom committees meet. What already!
8—Mr. Richard Kavor speaks to *Travalon* Staff.
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4—Seniors intelligence doubted.
8—Something new has been added to *Travalon*. Could it be journalism books?
10—Volleyball teams are posted.
11—Captains get your teams ready.
12—Could it be that we're out of practice?
13—Girls get your dates for the Christmas Formal.
17—Home rooms decorate for Christmas, Mr. Parker does it again.
20—Double Octette sings at Juvenile Court. Did they return?
21—Christmas vacation is here again. Darn!
22—Dreamy eyed couples start vacation off right. Could it be the Snow-Ball?
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6—No privacy now. Someone broke the office door in the girls locker room.
7—Miss Hummel on the warpath.
9—The Hi-Y clubs of the North Boroughs sponsor the Football Queen Dance. Just a few new couples?
11—We take a trip to the moon.
12—Just can't stop winning those games.
13—Do we want to?
19—*Avalon* and *Travalon* staffs travel to Pitt for the School Publications Institute.
20—Staffs nurse sore feet. It really isn't a big place.
25—Students enjoy listening to H. Sherman, Commie buster.
25—Twelve seniors and three juniors elected to the National Honor Society.
25—Now we can't be stopped. Avalon 85—Bellevue 52.
29—Did someone say "All the Way?"
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8—Everything quiet around school. We're saving our energy for the big pep assembly.
12—Small riot in front hall. Seniors must have heard about graduation plans.
14—Who receives valentine from unknown admirer?
19—Bellevue game—more sore throats! We won again, but they scared us.
25—Big News! Mr. Gordon struts! Seniors won pennant for having most parents at P. T. A. meeting.
26—Cordic & Company assembly. No, Don, his first name isn't Reginald.
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4—Report cards come out.
5—Students decide to spend a few nights at home.
8—Second play-off?
10—Hoy invents something new. Could it be pastime jokes?
11—Senior's discuss co-ordination in sociology.
12—Come up and kiss me sometime, Alice.
13—Third play-off game?
15—Jane relaxes. *Annual* has gone to press at last.
17—Everyone has green on. What did you say, Mr. O'Rourke?
26—Senior class wins P. T. A. award.
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4—Everyone comes down with laryngitis.
6—Jack Schlarman discovers a word meaning snake bite in French Class.
9—Juniors practice like mad for their play.
10—Easter vacation begins. What a hurter.
15—Back again! Seniors stricken with very rare disease. Senioritis?
18—Sure sign of spring. Three cases of measles.
25—Juniors present "The Divine Flora." A masterpiece.
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6—Cheerleader tryouts, remember? Congratulations!
15—Student Council sponsors few cat pianist in assembly.
16—Those juniors can do it. Not a bad prom, not bad at all.
17—Is anyone sleepy yet?
20—G. A. A. holds their Installation dinner. Honors new members.
21—No free picnic tickets this year, we had a good time anyway.
25—Seniors tearful at impressive sermon.
26—Tornado hits North Park—Senior Picnic! Sore, Diane?
27—Seniors bid their last farewell to A. H. S.
31—No, Jerry, you can't come back and keep Miss Carden company.

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2—Exams scheduled for under-classmen.
3—Nurse's office jammed.
8—What will it feel like to move up a grade?
9—Good! We'll know.
10—See you all next September.
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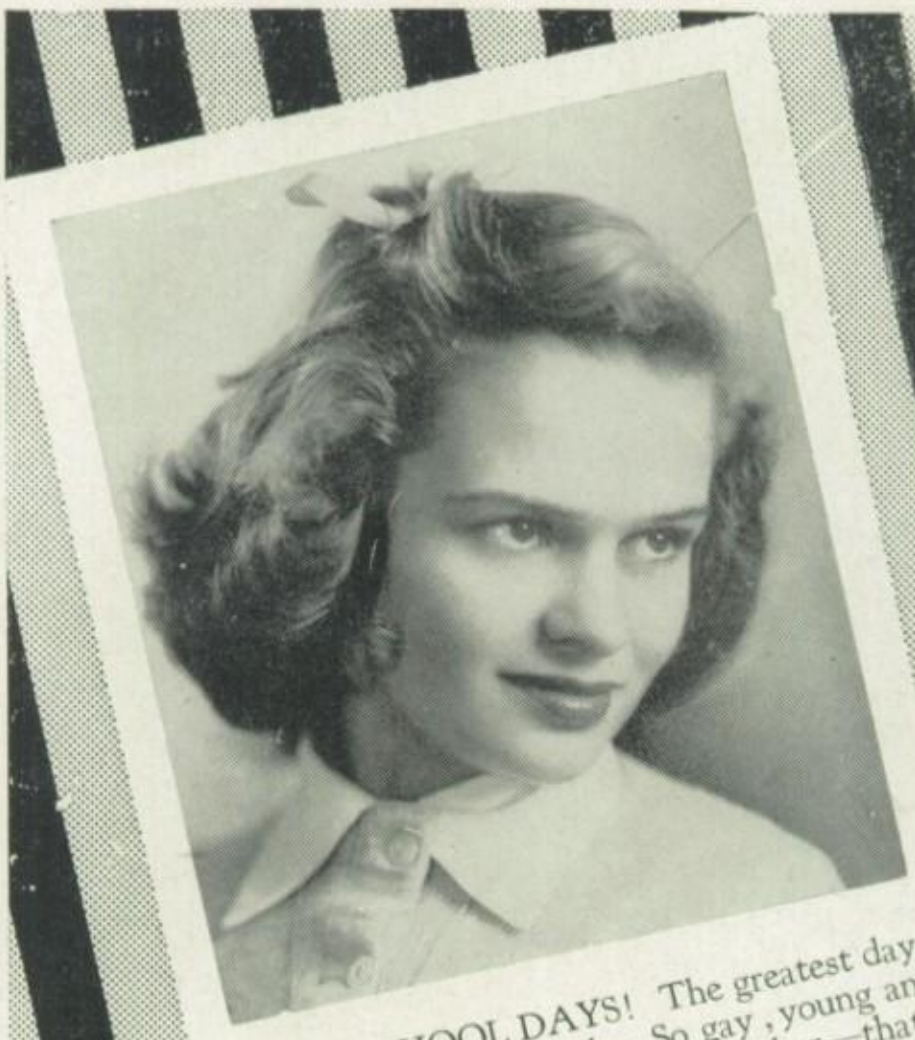

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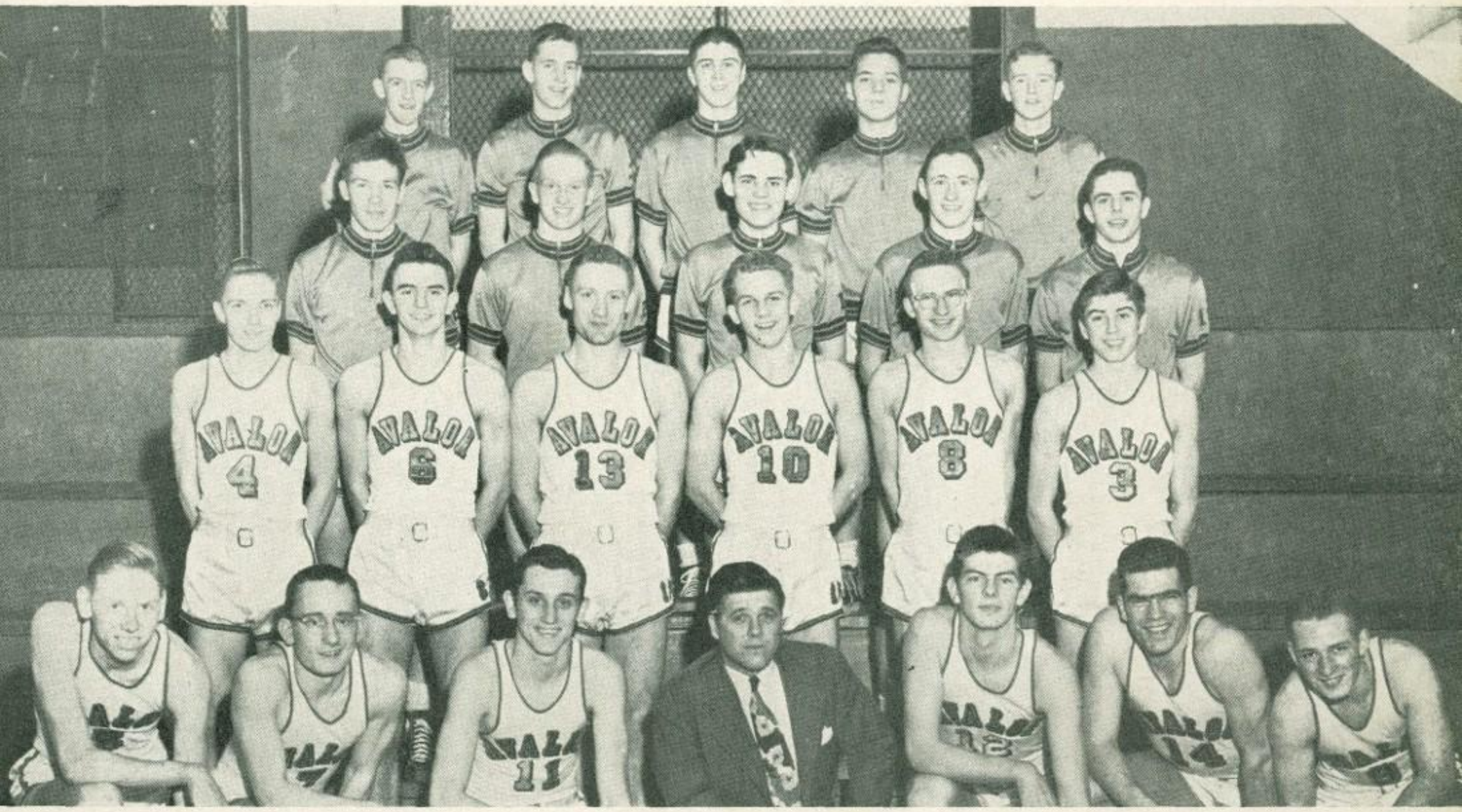

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